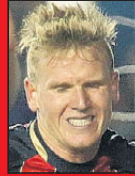


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League hopes  
suffer massive setback**

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**DOWNBEAT:** Saints players after Stoke's second goal. Daily Echo picture by Stuart Martin

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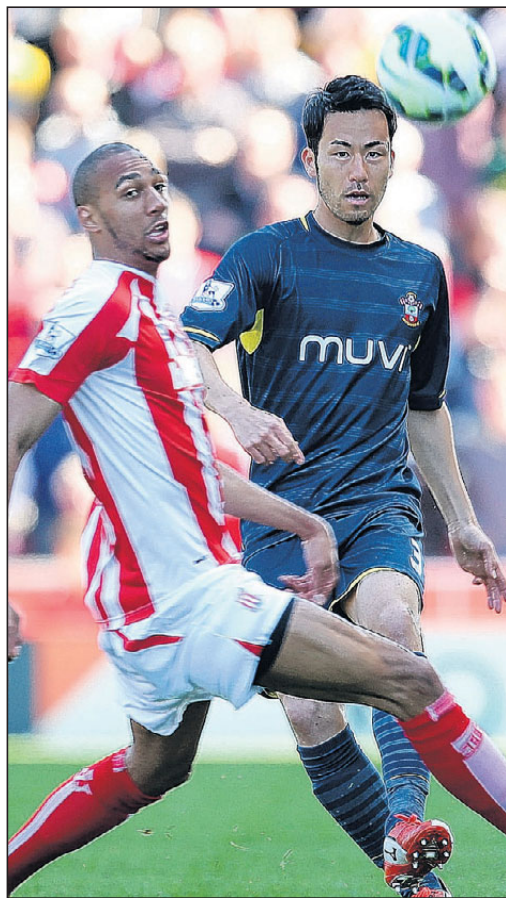
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## STOKE 2 SAINTS 1: CHAMPIONS

# SCHNEIDERLIN A FALSE DAWN



**BALL WATCHING:** Maya Yoshida and Stoke's Steven N'Zonzi.



**UP FOR IT:** Morgan Schneiderlin and Stoke's Jonathan Walters.

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Stoke had the first meaningful attack in the game as Mame Biram Diouf stole in down the left and cut the ball back to Steven Nzonzi. He tried an ambitious side footed effort from outside the area but his shot went well over the bar.

Sadio Mane got a bit of stick from the crowd after going down in slightly dramatic fashion in the area under a challenge from Stephen Ireland but in fairness to the Senegalese attacking midfielder he didn't appeal for a penalty.

The pattern of the game was not totally unexpected with Stoke making it a very tough physical battle, particularly in midfield.

They were also varying their play from knocking it around patiently to being very direct.

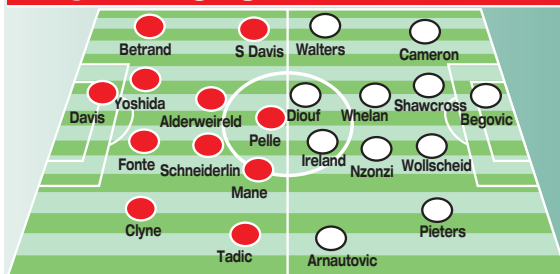
Jose Fonte was in the book after 15 minutes, chopping down Diouf as he threatened to break in behind after a loose pass back from a Saints player.

Saints came so close to taking the lead two minutes later as Mane spun in behind his man and slid a pass straight into the path of Graziano Pelle in the area.

He had to take it first time but from 12 yards out could only hit the side netting.

Saints made no mistake on 22 minutes as they took the lead.

### The LINE-UPS



**SAINTS SUBS:** (from) Gazzaniga, Gardos, Targett, Reed, Ward-Prowse, Elia, Long.

**STOKE SUBS:** (from) Butland, Bardsley, Wilson, Adam, Sidwell, Teixeira, Crouch.

SAINTS made two changes to the side that defeated Hull for the trip to Stoke.

One was enforced with Victor Wanyama serving the first of a two-game ban after collecting his tenth yellow card of the season against the Tigers.

The other saw Shane Long dropped to the bench.

Nathaniel Clyne was recalled to the side at right back with Toby Alderweireld moving into the centre of midfield to partner Morgan Schneiderlin.

Dusan Tadic came into the team for Long.

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It came from a set-piece, often mentioned as Stokes' great strength.

Steven Davis put in an outswinging right wing corner that was flicked across goal at the near post by Jose Fonte.

It appeared that the ball might be going in anyway but Morgan Schneiderlin appeared on the scene unmarked at the far post and slammed the ball home from a yard out to make sure.

They had another good chance on 32 minutes as Saints broke quickly through Mane.

He played the ball outside him to Toby Alderweireld, who checked back inside onto

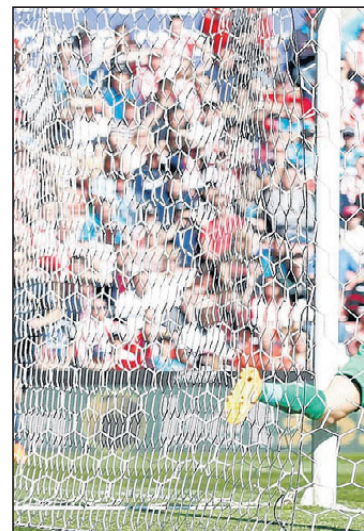
his left foot and just in the area hit a low shot that was straight at Asmir Begovic.

The opportunities kept coming and this time it was Nathaniel Clyne who made a break down the right to meet a lay off in the area but from a tight angle he put over the bar.

Clyne went in the book moments later for a fierce challenge.

Stoke should have equalised three minutes before the break as they somehow missed a glorious chance.

It came from a free kick that was lifted into the area, flicked on and fell to Nzonzi on the volley just a few yards out.



Pretty much anything on target was a goal but he barely made any contact as he directed it wide.

Stoke made a change at the break to try and get a little more attacking threat with Charlie Adam coming on for Ireland.

They did just that as they equalised two minutes after the restart.

It came in somewhat bizarre fashion.

Nzonzi's attempted shot from the edge of the area was mishit and the ball sailed high into the air.

There seemed to be little danger as Kelvin Davis gently back peddled but he was eventually relieved to see that as the ball suddenly dipped it struck his crossbar.

However, that left him out of position for the rebound which fell kindly to Diouf who lashed home a half volley from eight yards out with Davis diving to his left but unable to reach it.

Saints worked another nice set-piece on 55 minutes as Steven Davis fizzed a corner to Schneiderlin whose headed straight into the centre of the area but nobody reacted and Begovic was able to gather.

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# Saints Spotlight

## LEAGUE HOPES FADE FOR KOEMAN'S MEN

# STRIKE IS FOR SAINTS



**ABOVE:** Morgan Schneiderlin scores the first goal of the game and celebrates, left.

**RIGHT:** Ryan Bertrand grapples with Stoke's Jonathan Walters.



arm in the face from Adam but referee Mark Clattenburg awarded Saints a free kick and took no further action.

Stoke made a double change on 76 minutes with Steve Sidwell and Peter Crouch replacing Whelan and Diouf.

Crouch was quickly into the thick of the action as he was picked out by a left wing cross but could only tamely flick a header straight to Kelvin Davis.

The keeper was well and truly beaten though as Stoke took the lead with six minutes remaining.

After Saints had failed to adequately clear a free kick the ball eventually got worked to the right by-line and cut back to Nzonzi. His first time shot was blocked but the rebound came to Adam whose volley fired into the turf and past



Davis for 2-1.

Saints responded by bringing on Shane Long for Ryan Bertrand before Eljero Elia came on for Steven Davis.

Crouch had a glorious chance to wrap up the win at the start of four minutes of stoppage time as Jon Walters got to the by-line and cut the ball back to him but from six yards out he missed the target. Alderweireld was caught in the face again late by a flailing arm by Erik Pieters. Saints were unhappy with it but again Clattenburg just awarded a free kick.

However, after extensive treatment Alderweireld had to be stretchered from the pitch, leaving his side with ten men for the final moments which eventually ended with Saints looking crestfallen as defeat was confirmed.



**BATTLE:** Toby Alderweireld.

They came closer to regaining the lead on 63 minutes as Steven Davis unleashed a great pass down the right channel to Mane.

He was in behind the Stoke defence and had the chance to take Begovic out of the game as he won a foot race to the ball virtually on the by-line on the edge of the box.

Mane did just that and cut it back towards Tadic whose shot from 12 yards out was

blocked on the line by Glenn Whelan.

The Serbian playmaker got a second bite of the cherry as the ball wasn't cleared but Begovic was now back in his goal and saved diving low to his right.

That was virtually Tadic's last action as he came off for James Ward-Prowse on 67 minutes.

There was a flashpoint five minutes later as Alderweireld went down after getting an

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## Koeman: Defeat difficult to accept

RONALD Koeman said it was "difficult to accept" Saints' 2-1 defeat to Stoke.

Koeman, pictured above, felt his side were good value for at least a point at the Britannia Stadium but saw Saints come away with nothing.

Morgan Schneiderlin gave Saints the lead but goals from Mame Biram Diouf and Charlie Adam turned things around in the second half.

Koeman said: "Of course, sometimes it's difficult to understand and to accept the final result and we know football is about details but we did enough to get at least one point.

"I think we played very well in the first 45 minutes, by far the better team, a lot of ball possession, good movements, some good goals, some good chances.

"In the second half starts difficult, score 1-1, but the reaction was very good of the players, we kept a lot of ball possession, good moments, the better chances in the game.

"A bad decision of the linesman about the offside of Mane. It's not offside, it's one against one with the goalkeeper and unlucky.

"I am proud of the team about how we play football. We know it's a difficult place to come and to control in the direct play, in the set-pieces, in the physical strengths of Stoke.

"We deserve much more than we got but it's the way we like to play, how we like to play football.

"Maybe in some situations a bit more clinical in the box in scoring about the chances what we are creating but in general we play well and at least at our level and that's important to keep that until the end of the season."

There were worrying scenes towards the end of the game as Toby Alderweireld received extensive treatment on the pitch before being stretchered off but Koeman was pleased to report some positive news.

"Toby looks OK now," he said. "It's his shoulder and we maybe have to wait until the scan or something else to know exactly what happened.

"It's his shoulder but he's back on his place and will be good I think."

# DOING DEALS VIA

## BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

**IT'S been an interesting week for Saints, one of both ups and downs.**

The up, winning convincingly, keeping up with the pace for a European place, and generally looking like a side with genuine top-five ambitions.

The downside was the continued transfer talk surrounding Nathaniel Clyne with ManU TV apparently stating that his transfer to United was "a done deal."

That would be interesting as Saints have already stated publicly they've had no official bid.

That would mean that, if Man UTV was telling the truth, the player must surely have been approached illegally.

Does anyone take illegal approaches seriously these days?

Does anyone serious expect the FA to even consider taking action against any club suspected of illegally tapping up players?

United's apparently "done deal" would indicate that if the club hasn't been speaking to the player then someone, somewhere, is being, shall we say, liberal with the truth?

The harsh truth is that the big clubs don't need to talk to players directly. They get the media to do that for them.

How much of the back page is taken up with actual match reporting and how much is made up of speculation and transfer gossip?

How much actual space is taken up with actual reporting and how much resembles a poor man's *Heat* magazine?

For a long time I've had a theory that the powers that be don't want clubs like Southampton denting the top five.

The top five is a 'boys only' club where the pass for entry is a billion in the bank.

Clubs like Saints are a blot on the horizon.

Who wants a club that organically grows and creates its talent, when talent can be bought?

If Nathaniel Clyne needs to decide on where his next step is, he should take a look at the players that left St Mary's last summer.

Rickie Lambert has gone from a established England player to forgotten man, all in the space of less than a year.

You can argue that Lambert was a player in the twilight of his career and his career was already on the downward slope.

But when was the last time you saw such a rapid decline in someone's career who had been on such a high to such a low?



**CAREER SLIDE:**  
Rickie Lambert.

Oh, yes...

Luke Shaw.

The Saints left back who had just broken into the England squad and was roundly regarded as the best left back in the country.

Nowadays Shaw isn't even the best left back in Manchester.

He is reportedly unfit, unhappy and unsettled in the north.

His fall from grace is both spectacular and unsettling.

I don't need to remind anyone of Dejan Lovren.

Only Lallana and Chambers have made any progress and, even then,

they've not progressed as we thought they might.

My theory is that Southampton posed a real

threat to the establishment last season.

A team built rather than bought, one that could seriously

have challenged for that European

pace this year.

I seriously believe that would have terrified the big

five.

Saints' dismantling that summer was, in my humble opinion, one of football's most unedifying moments.

The club was asset-stripped and no one lifted a finger to help.

The powers that be saw a club being ram-raided and did nothing to help, not one thing.

The fact that Southampton FC isn't cast adrift at the bottom of the Premier League is one of the greatest achievements in the league's 23-year history.

The fact that they're actually higher than last season is nothing short of sensational.

Clyne may well leave this summer. Nothing I can write can change his mind. He either knows what he



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# THE BACK PAGES...

**ILLEGAL APPROACH?**  
Nathaniel Clyne.



**RUMOURS:** Morgan Schneiderlin, right.

wants or he doesn't.

All I can do is point out who's failed and who's succeeded and subtly indicate that sometimes money isn't everything.

That sometimes succeeding against all odds, proving your worth when everyone else expects you to fail. That surely is worth more than being able to buy a new car every week.

Perhaps it's the hopeless romantic in

me, but surely, surely, there must be more to life than money?

The romantic in me looks at the Rickie Lambert story and wishes it ended at Southampton. I gain not one shred of happiness or schadenfreude at Lambert's fall from grace.

It isn't the end to the Rickie Lambert story that we'd all wanted or, indeed, envisioned.

I won't comment on the Morgan Schneiderlin situation.

So much has been said about him lately that I'm half inclined to think he's now an African football called "Wantaway Morgan Schneiderlin" as not a week passes when we're not informed of his apparent desire

to play at the highest level.

Heroes come, heroes go, it's one of the reasons only Matthew Le Tissier has ever graced the back of one of my shirts.

You cheer them on, you put them on a pedestal, but invariably they let you down. And move on.

It's the nature of the game.

All we ask is that they show the club due respect when they demand a move.

Perhaps it's not the players we should blame but the system itself.

These young men earn obscene amounts and, in a general election year, surely it's not lost on any of us that whilst the country is in austerity, football most clearly isn't.

It's amusing that people can moan about politicians earning

obscene amounts of money and then cheer on individuals whose wages dwarf those of politicians.

We mocked Sir Peter Viggers and his £1,600 floating duck house and yet footballers can drive around in cars that cost 100 times that and no one bats an eyelid.

Is it any wonder that we feel footballers are losing touch with the working man when we seem to let some things slide and yet others we don't?

Why is it we can criticise bankers for earning stupid money, but we won't say a word about footballers?

One way or another, we'll know soon enough.

I hope Clyne and Schneiderlin stay at St Mary's, but I won't be holding my breath...

## Saints up for cup

**SAINTS** are hopeful of picking up some silverware as they host Blackburn in the second leg of the Under-21 Premier League Cup final on Monday night.

Martin Hunter's side held Rovers to a 0-0 draw at Ewood Park to set up a thrilling finale to the competition at St Mary's, writes **ADAM LEITCH**.

The club are optimistic that thousands of fans will turn out to support the youngsters on what is a huge night for them.

The first leg was a tight and tense affair that Saints just edged in terms of chances, albeit they couldn't find the breakthrough.

Saints are certainly taking nothing for granted at this stage but are favourites returning to play at home.

Under-21s boss Martin Hunter said: "In terms of the game prep they played exactly as we thought they were going to."



**FINAL ACTION:** Harrison Reed at Ewood Park.

"They are a threat in terms of their directness, they're very well organised and disciplined and they keep going."

"For us to come back with a draw was excellent."

"That was the minimum that we wanted."

"We would have liked to have won the game and on chances we edged it."

"We had three very good chances to win the game."

"However, to draw there and now get them back to St Mary's we fancy our chances, without being arrogant."

Saints fans who attend will get to see the next generation of players as well as the likes of Matt Targett and Harrison Reed, who have enjoyed plenty of first team experience this season.

Tickets for the game cost £3 for adults and £1 for concessions with a £5 offer for a ticket and a drink. They are currently on sale from the ticket office and online.

Supporters are advised to purchase in advance with queues expected on the night.



**FINAL ACTION:** Sam McQueen on the attack at Blackburn last Monday.

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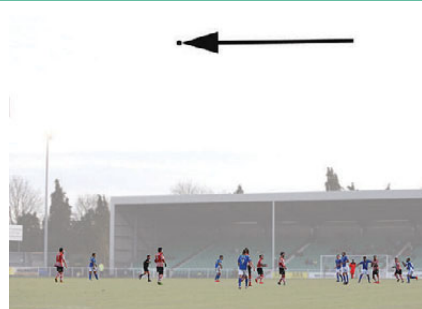
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This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**



JOSE FONTE

## PFA snub is no surprise

SAINTS fans shouldn't get too hot under the collar if their stars don't get nominated for the big awards.

They are sure to have a host of players in various teams of the season, but the truth is that the major individual honours are almost always reserved for players from what are traditionally seen as the glamour clubs.

The PFA Awards nominations were a proof in point. Saints have

the best defensive record in the Premier League, with Jose Fonte and Toby Alderweireld particularly outstanding.

Yet, of course, neither made the shortlist for player of the year.

The other problem in this regard is that it so often goalkeepers and attacking players that really seem to catch the eye and garner the votes and nominations.

A quick look at this year's shortlist reveals one keeper and

five attacking players for the main PFA award.

Saints may have been outstanding at the back, and had outstanding players in various positions there, but in attack they haven't had somebody consistently eye catching.

It's why the Saints player of the season award will also be interesting.

It may well have changed several times throughout the season.

Early on it was probably Pelle or Tadic, then even Steve Davis was in with an outside chance, then Alderweireld, but after his recent absence Fonte is the front runner. It will actually be a major surprise if he doesn't win it now.

That will at least be some reward for the defence this season, and well deserved.

They certainly shouldn't expect more than a cursory nod from elsewhere.

# WOODS STILL THE ONE TO WATCH

**ONE of the great joys of being a sports fan is watching the true greats perform.**

The sheer excitement and tingle it brings to see the very best in the business do battle is what it's all about.

The Masters was a perfect example. Jordan Spieth put in a performance that belied his years to win the tournament, showing incredible composure to lead from start to finish and hold off any serious challenge.

With Spieth ultimately winning in comfort, the real excitement was from one of those greats in the shape of Tiger Woods.

We all know his back story well enough by now, but this was another comeback for Tiger.

Before the tournament started there was the big build-up as to whether he would or wouldn't play. Once it was confirmed he was in there was talk of terrible chipping and his form a total unknown quantity.

He may not have won but provided the magic, the spark, the excitement



BOX OFFICE: O'Sullivan.

of the weekend.

At times he was all over the place, at times purely majestic. To watch him was utterly compelling viewing, even when he wasn't seriously challenging Spieth for the title.

That is exactly what the real greats bring.

We will see another in action on our screens in the coming days in the shape of Ronnie O'Sullivan, as he kicks-off his bid for the World Championship title.

O'Sullivan is the Tiger Woods of snooker in some ways.

A true great, so gloriously talented, so thrilling to watch. In short, he is pure box office.

Both of these guys flourish in a way that transcends their sports.

Both golf and snooker are loved by aficionados but have a wider public perception of being a little bit dull and stuffy.

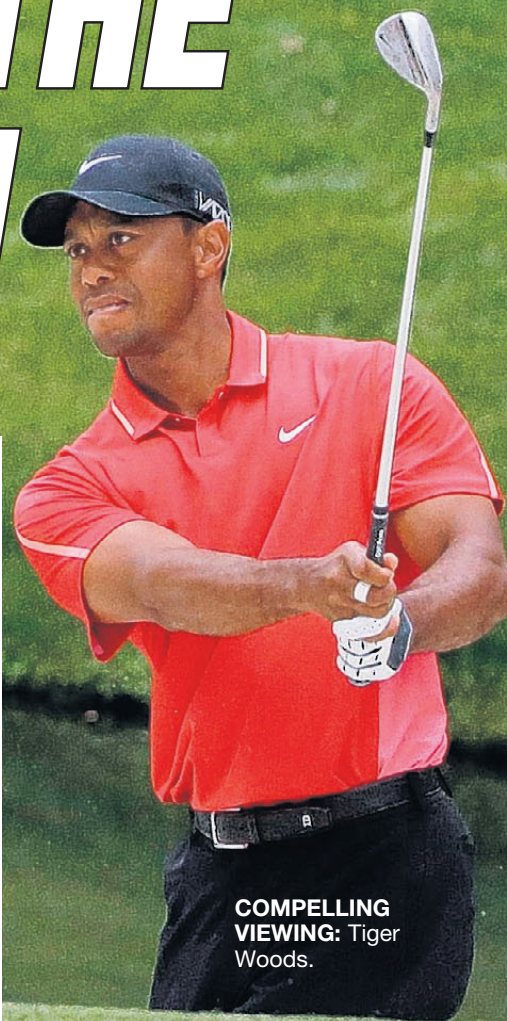
Woods and O'Sullivan manage to blow that out of the water, and are the sort of attractions that bring greater profile to their sports.

It's hard to quantify what it is about people like that. Obviously they are prodigiously talented, but it's something else, something almost indefinable that gives them that x-factor.

To watch guys like that in full flow is quite remarkable.

When they are at their best it's mind boggling to see the heights they can scale, but even when they are struggling there is something that means you can't quite take your eyes off of them.

They are the essence of what watching sport is all about.



COMPELLING VIEWING: Tiger Woods.



PLAY-OFF PUSH: Richard Hill's Eastleigh side.

## South coast success stories

IT'S great to see local sides thriving and on the south coast we are enjoying a golden season.

Saints look almost certain to achieve European qualification, something almost nobody, including those at the club, would have anticipated before the beginning of the season.

Then we have Bournemouth, who are flying high in the Championship.

Things are getting really nervy for

them, but it is all going to be about bottle and desire now rather than skill as they try and prise out the last results they need to get to the top flight.

If they can it will be a truly remarkable achievement, and another piece of managerial brilliance by Eddie Howe.

Then there is Eastleigh.

For so long they were just another local non-league club, but a couple of visionaries with deep pockets

have transformed them.

They have a lot of work still to do to make it to the Football League, but to even be contemplating the possibility that that might happen seems utterly baffling for those that have been in the area for some time.

To think that even the area covered by this paper might suddenly have a second Football League club is a thrilling prospect.

The great thing about Eastleigh is

that while they are on a roll and that forward momentum gives them a chance of making it this season, you sense their ambition will not be dulled at all if they don't quite get there at the first time of asking.

With further investment certain to happen over the summer they will be coming back next season to try and leave nothing to chance.

There is a rarefied atmosphere of success in the air at the moment and long may it continue.



# Non-league Action



**ON THE ATTACK:** Totton & Eling's Sam House drives forward against Verwood. Order no: 34595431

## Millers take drop battle to the wire

TOTTON & Eling's brave bid to beat the Sydenhams Wessex League drop is set to go to the wire.

Chris Marwood converted a controversial last gasp penalty as the Millers snatched a dramatic 2-1 win over Verwood Town, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**.

Their immediate future now rests on them beating Horndean in their final match at Five Heads Park next Saturday.

They go into the game one point behind Christchurch, who crashed 6-1 to newly crowned champions Petersfield Town at Hurn Bridge.

Basement club Fareham Town threw themselves a lifeline with a Bradey Norton inspired 6-1 win over Hamworthy United at Cams Alders.

Totton bossed the first half at Millers Park, with Steve Marwood hitting the Verwood bar with a speculative 25-yarder and then testing goalkeeper Chris Lynch with a curling free kick.

Totton's half-time lead came from a set-piece – Lynch being penalised for carrying the ball outside of the penalty area and Marwood picking out Jamie Feasey to head home.

They clung on to their 1-0 lead until deep in the second half – until Verwood equalised with a hotly disputed Taffy Richardson goal.

Totton claimed play should have been stopped when teenager Keenan New went down with blood gushing from a nose injury, but the referee waved play on and Richardson converted Jordan Fisk's cross to make it 1-1.

A draw would have put Totton down, but in stoppage time Steve Jenkin was adjudged to have been pushed in the box and the ice-cool Marwood grabbed Totton's winner.

Fareham, who must win their remaining matches against Newport (Tuesday evening) and Andover Town to survive, tore Hamworthy to shreds with a scintillating first half display.

Norton led the way with a hat-trick – his three goals coming in succession after Ashley Tattersall and Callum Laycock had given Fareham a 2-1 lead.

Norton's threesome – his hat-trick goal came from the penalty spot – gave Fareham a 5-1 lead, which Mark Cotton improved after the break.



STEVE Hollick celebrated his appointment as AFC Totton's permanent manager when two goals each by Craig Feeney and Nathan Hurst set up a 5-2 win over Bishops Cleeve at Testwood Stadium.

Jake Hoey also hit the target as Totton scored four first-half goals to guide the Stags to their first Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South&West win in 13 attempts.

# ONE POINT FROM

## Eastleigh win at Lincoln to keep destiny in their own hands

**A VITAL 2-1 victory against Lincoln City at the Sincil Bank Stadium in Eastleigh's final away game of the normal season puts the Spitfires one point away from securing a Vanarama Conference play-off spot.**

After rivals Macclesfield and Forest Green Rovers won their 3pm games, Eastleigh will have to remain patient to make their play-off dream a reality, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

But they kept matters in their own hands in this early kick-off, live on BT Sport, making it a trio of victories in front of the television cameras this term.

Jack Midson's effort that capped a sublime team move gave them a deserved lead on 38 minutes before Ben Tomlinson's goal on 58 minutes to level the score briefly worried Richard Hill's side.

However, Craig McAllister's strike just past the hour settled the issue and leaves the Spitfires needing just a point from next weekend's match at home to Kidderminster Harriers to fully confirm a play-off berth.

One change was made from the 2-0 win at Halifax in midweek, with Harry Pell coming in to replace benched Craig Stanley.

Meanwhile, Imps skipper Alan Power returned from suspension.

This one had a real end of season feel to it. For Lincoln the season was over, there was only pride to play for.

The carnival atmosphere coupled with manager Chris Moyes' programme notes leading off on the summer rather than the more pressing concern of playing the Spitfires, indicated the Imps' mentality.

Of course, for Hill's men, it was as serious as a game gets with promotion very much on the cards.

That was clear to see as Eastleigh impressed on a pristine pitch in Lincolnshire in the first half and went into the break with a 1-0 lead.

It took little more than 30 seconds for the Spitfires to work newly crowned Imps Player of the Season and goalkeeper Paul Farman, as some decent build-up play resulted in Midson slamming powerfully at goal from just inside the box, with Farman saving spectacularly.

That theme continued as McAllister planted a header narrowly wide of the near-post from a corner, much to the frustration of the striker.

Joe Partington, operating at right-back, was an outstanding option down the right



**OPENER:** Eastleigh fans join in the celebrations after Jack Midson's opener at

**DOUBLE TEAM:** Eastleigh's Craig Stanley, left and Jamie Turley close down Lincoln City's Delano Sam-Yorke.



flank for Eastleigh. He pestered the City backline incessantly with decent runs and a number of good crosses.

Lincoln weren't without their dangers, however, and grew into it.

Will Evans, who impressed against Halifax midweek, was again brilliant as he

ushered quick frontman Delano Sam-Yorke effectively – he looked cool as a cucumber at centre back throughout.

Although Eastleigh keeper Ross Flitney did have couple of dodgy moments in the first period, mainly from a couple of weakly struck back passes, the experienced stop-

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# Non-league Action

## THE PLAY-OFFS

### We've cranked up pressure on rivals – Stanley

MIDFIELDER Craig Stanley admits that Eastleigh were good value for their vital 2-1 win at Lincoln City and have now put all the pressure on the teams around them as the play-off chase goes down to the wire.

Jack Midson and Craig McAllister scored the decisive goals at Sincil Bank as the Spitfires move to within one point of a play-off spot and a tilt at promotion to the Football League.

The experienced middleman, who came on at half-time for Harry Pell, was full of praise for his teammates.

"We deserved the win," said Stanley.

"We gave a sloppy goal away. The last few weeks in set-plays we haven't been particularly great on but they got a bit of luck and the ball fell to them.

"But when we played a bit of football today, we opened them up and I think it could have been a little bit more.

"At this point in this season we've just got to win football matches.

"Sometimes it isn't pretty and they didn't play very pretty stuff at time with long ball, and sometimes you get suckered into the way they want to play.

"But if we didn't come away with it from a win from this then people will be saying they deserved the three points.

"So it's great and it puts the pressure on the other teams, so we'll see what they can do.

"If not we have to get something next week, which we're confident we can do."

Eastleigh need just a point from their last game of the normal season at the Silverlake Stadium next Saturday against Kidderminster Harriers to confirm their play-off berth.

"It's in our hands now, when for the whole season we've been more or less relying on other teams," Stanley said about the play-offs.

"Obviously we've now put the pressure on the other teams and our away form has been miles better than it was earlier in the season."



### AFC Totton confirm Hollick as new boss

AFC TOTTON have confirmed Steve Hollick as their new manager.

The Stags' former goal-keeping coach took over the role on a temporary basis last month following Steve Riley's departure after nearly three years in charge.

Hollick, above, will be supported by head coach Lee Burch, who resigned from Sydenhams One outfit Hythe & Dibden last weekend.

Two of Burch's coaching staff, Dave Rowland and Jamie Cotton, are also switching across from the Watersiders as club coach and goalkeeping coach respectively.

Totton chairman Andy Straker said the appointments presented the Southern One South & West outfit with "a real opportunity to go forward."

He stated: "We believe we have put in place a management team that players will want to play for.

"This team will make sure we are fully prepared every time we go out onto a football pitch.

"I cannot wait for next season to start. These are exciting times for AFC Totton."

Burch, whose former clubs include Bashley, Andover and Blackfield & Langley, is currently working towards his UEFA A coaching licence and holds the FA Youth Module 3 Award and goal-keeper UEFA B Licence.

Hollick, who holds the UEFA B Licence and is goal-keeping coach for England Beach Soccer and the FA Futsal Centre of Excellence (South East), said: "It is an honour to be first team manager of AFC Totton. I am excited by the challenge and I know I have a fantastic team behind me in Lee, Dave and Jamie.

"I am looking forward to pre-season where we can put in place our philosophy of how we want to play football so that the team is fully prepared for the first game. It's going to be hard work, but enjoyable work."

Hollick added: "I will start my search for players to strengthen the squad in the coming days. I want to give supporters a team to be proud of."



Lincoln City today.

per was alert to deal with any danger that did get to him.

He put his life on the line on 17 minutes as he came out to block Ben Tomlinson's run into the box from Jordan Cranston's ball over, before immediately getting back on his feet to smother Sam-Yorke's follow-up shot.

Eastleigh had to be patient for the breakthrough, but when it did come, boy was it a good'un.

Partington picked up the ball on the right and played inside Reason, who pulled off a back-heel to deliver it back into the path of his onrushing team-mate.

On re-taking control of the ball, Partington passed to Ben Stevens who, with a first time flick, put it on a plate for Midson to prod home for 1-0.

The Imps demonstrated their intentions as they adapted to an attacking 4-3-3 formation after the interval.

And they were soon level as Power's corner was headed down by Miller in a packed box for Tomlinson to net his 14th goal this season, smashing through the forest of legs on the line on 58 minutes.

The Spitfires, though, weren't in any mood to muck around as they retook the lead four minutes later.

Goalscorer Midson worked room deep on the right flank to cut-back to McAllister, who cleverly flicked the ball over the diving keeper, Farman, and into the net – 2-1.



1-0: Eastleigh's Jack Midson slots past Lincoln City's Paul Farman for the opening goal of the game.

Pictures by Andrew Vaughan



# CHERRIES DENIED BY LATE PENALTY

**A LAST-GASP penalty from Chris Maguire saw Sheffield Wednesday earn a 2-2 draw which kept Bournemouth off the top of the Championship table as the race for promotion took another twist.**

A goal down to Kieran Lee's fine header, Bournemouth looked to have pulled off a memorable comeback as Matt Ritchie crossed for Yann Kermorgant and then drilled home a stunning long-range effort himself either side of Simon Francis' red card.

And the home fans, who had seen Middlesbrough overtake them with victory on Friday night, were counting down the seconds to a vital victory in the battle for promotion when Harry Arter fouled substitute Atdhe Nuhiu inside the box.

Maguire stepped up and found the bottom corner to stun the sold-out Dean Court crowd.

The Cherries had endured an out of sorts opening 45 minutes that began with goalkeeper Artur Boruc having to pull off a magnificent block to deny Lee the opener.

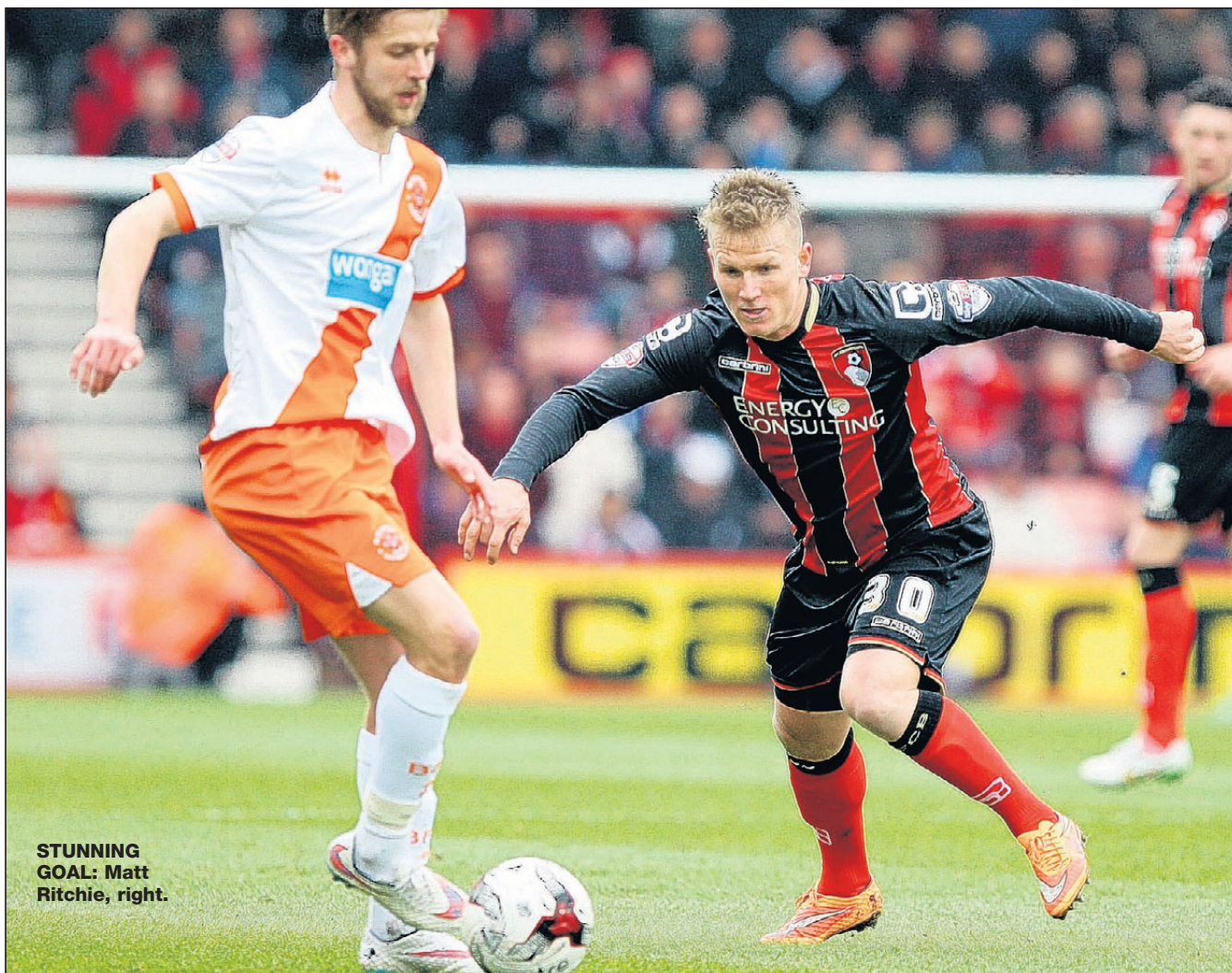
The visitors, buoyed by their midweek win over Brentford, continued to look the brighter and it was no surprise when they broke the deadlock in the 36th minute. Lewis Buxton swung over a deep inviting cross from the right flank and Lee rose superbly to head into the far corner.

That was just the second time the Cherries had fallen behind in the league on home soil this season and they were stung into life with Arter forcing Chris Kirkland into a fingertip save from a long-range thumping effort.

The Dean Court faithful were then incensed that they were not awarded a penalty when Kamil Zayette tackled the rampaging figure of Andrew Surman just as he looked set to pull the trigger on the right-hand side of the Bournemouth box.

Half chances came and went either side of the break for Tommy Elphick and then Kermorgant as the Cherries struggled to replicate the free-flowing football they have shown off so often this season.

As the game reached the hour mark, Eddie Howe's side were a lick of paint from going two down.



**STUNNING GOAL: Matt Ritchie, right.**

A lovely curling right-footed free-kick from Maguire rattled Boruc's right-hand post and fell kindly for Caolan Lavery who could only slice his first-time effort over the bar.

At the other end Callum Wilson felt he should have been awarded a spot-kick in the 65th minute. Having rounded Kirkland the former Coventry striker looked to have been fouled by Buxton but referee Paul Tierney disagreed.

Cardiff loanee Kenwyne Jones had been sent on for his aerial presence but it was fellow forward Kermorgant who nodded the home side level four minutes later, superbly meeting Ritchie's cross with a near-post header which left Kirkland rooted to the spot.

Just as Bournemouth began to up the ante as the game edged towards the final 10 minutes there was to be another twist, right-back

Francis picking up a second yellow for a clumsy foul on Maguire in the 79th minute.

When Howe withdrew Kermorgant for defender Elliott Ward to shore up his defence it looked to have been the wrong call when Surman was bundled down just outside the box and their free-kick expert was sat on the bench.

But Surman rolled the set-piece onto Ritchie's left foot and he sent

a stunning 25-yard rocket right into the top corner of Kirkland's goal to spark wild celebrations amongst the 10 men.

Wednesday were not to be denied, though, and after Lavery missed a gilt-edged chance at the back-post they provided their vocal travelling support with something to sing about on the long journey home in the fifth minute of added time.



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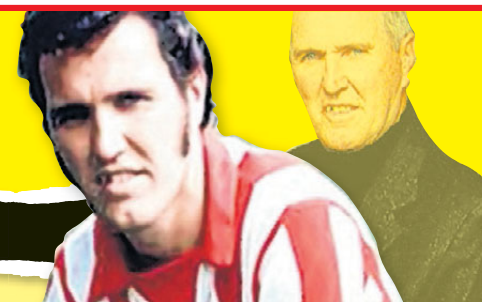
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## ARE FOXES THE GREAT SURVIVORS?



**MORE POSITIVE:**  
Leicester City boss  
Nigel Pearson

**ONE month ago, Leicester laboured to a 0-0 home draw with fellow strugglers Hull City.**

With ten games to go at the time, and seven points adrift, many assumed the Foxes' stay in the top-flight had come to an end.

Speculation off the pitch was being matched by listlessness on it and some were already penning a red 'R' next to their name.

Fast forward a month, and two wins on the spin, both with dramatic late winners, have highlighted that Leicester are from done.

Now only three points adrift of those outside the relegation zone, and carrying all the momentum, it is possible they may just beat the drop.

The win over West Ham at home may prove to be the pivotal fixture for Nigel Pearson's men when we look back at the end of the season.

After going ahead, they were soon pegged back by the visitors and, for all of their effort and

chances, including a missed penalty, it seemed that Leicester would only pick up a solitary point – probably not enough in their quest for survival.

However, with just four minutes left, Andy King prodded City's season back to life and in turn reignited the relegation dogfight.

Prior to the last gasp win against the Hammers, Leicester were going nowhere fast.

No wins in a three-month period had left them marooned at the bottom of the table, and, where others were picking up points, the Foxes were not.

The fact that Leicester followed up that victory with another three

points the following week, this time away at fellow strugglers West Brom, 3-2, showed they were finally on a roll.

Again, Pearson's men left it late, displaying the character and fight they suddenly

seem to have found in the last two weeks.

During the most turbulent times of their season, many questioned whether the manager had lost the dressing room.

Those questions are certainly no longer being asked of his charges.

As well as being the team with all the momentum going into the final stretch of fixtures, Leicester's run-in, on paper, seems a particularly kind one.

Winnable home fixtures against Swansea today, Newcastle and QPR are complimented by away fixtures at Burnley and Sunderland.

Not only do they have the opportunity to continue this positive run they now find themselves on, they also have the opportunity to stop their closest rivals from picking up points.

From a mood of despair, the dark clouds seemed to have lifted over the East Midlands.

Pearson, who once appeared like the world was against him, was a more positive man in his post-match press conference at The Hawthorns.

Of course, winning football matches changes a lot, but they finally are.

Compare the charge Leicester now seem to be on with the downward spiral their opponents from a month ago, Hull City, currently find themselves in.

With fixtures against Liverpool, Arsenal, Manchester

United and Tottenham to come, their plight seems to be worsening with every passing week.

Leicester will feel they need to reel one team in and leap frog them, and Steve Bruce's men appear ripe for the picking.

If it comes down to the final game of the season, Leicester will fancy their

chances against the hapless away version of QPR.

Chris

Ramsey's team have put in some improved performances in the last few weeks, and were desperately unlucky not to pick up a confidence-boosting point against Chelsea last Sunday, as Cesc Fabregas hit a winner two minutes from time.

Pearson's troops will still fancy their chances should it go down to the wire.

QPR, despite the abundance of Premier League experience in their squad, have rarely shown glimpses of being up for the challenge, and against a fired-up home crowd backing the Leicester boys, one would expect it to be a near mission impossible for Ramsey and co.

It does give testament to the job Pearson has done, however.

The fact we are even discussing Leicester as potential relegation zone survivors is not something anyone would have anticipated a few weeks ago.



**REIGNITION:**  
Andy King

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# Saints Spotlight



## RACE FOR EUROPE: THE REMAINING GAMES

### CHELSEA

Apr 18 Man U ..... (H)  
Apr 26 Arsenal ..... (A)  
Apr 29 Leicester .... (A)  
May 2 C Palace .... (H)  
May 9 Liverpool .... (H)  
May 16 WBA ..... (A)  
May 24 Sunderland .. (H)

### MAN CITY

Apr 19 West Ham .. (H)  
Apr 25 Aston Villa ... (H)  
May 2 Tottenham ... (A)  
May 9 QPR ..... (H)  
May 16 Swansea ... (A)  
May 24 SAINTS .... (H)

### ARSENAL

Apr 26 Chelsea .... (H)  
May 2 Hull ..... (A)  
May 9 Swansea .... (H)  
May 16 Man U ..... (A)  
May 20 S'land ..... (H)  
May 24 WBA ..... (H)

### MAN UNITED

Apr 18 Chelsea ..... (A)  
Apr 26 Everton ..... (A)  
May 2 WBA ..... (H)  
May 9 C Palace .... (A)  
May 16 Arsenal .... (H)  
May 24 Hull ..... (A)

### LIVERPOOL

Apr 18 Hull ..... (A)  
Apr 25 WBA ..... (A)  
May 2 QPR ..... (H)  
May 9 Chelsea ..... (A)  
May 16 C Palace ... (H)  
May 24 Stoke ..... (A)

### SAINTS

Apr 18 Stoke ..... (A)  
Apr 25 Tottenham ... (H)  
May 2 Sunderland .. (A)  
May 9 Leicester .... (A)  
May 16 Aston Villa .. (H)  
May 24 Man City ... (A)

### TOTTENHAM

Apr 19 Newcastle ... (A)  
Apr 25 SAINTS ..... (A)  
May 2 Man City .... (H)  
May 9 Stoke ..... (A)  
May 16 Hull ..... (H)  
May 24 Everton .... (A)

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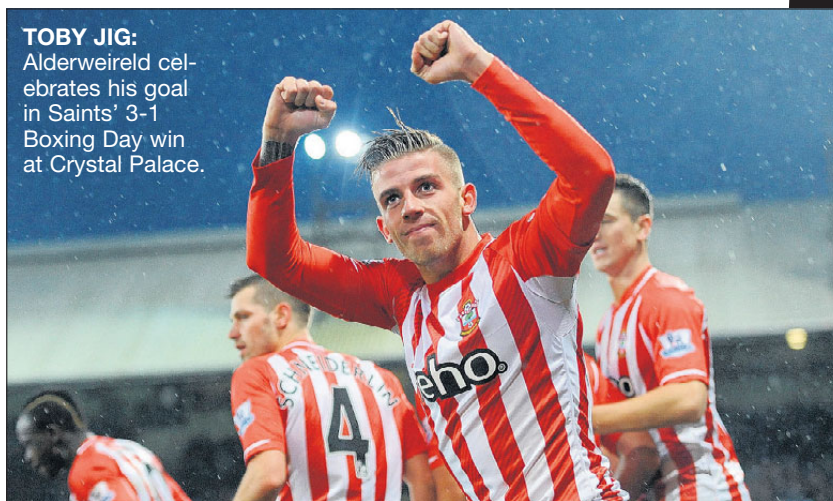
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**TWO-GOAL HERO:** Graziano Pelle scored twice in Saints' 4-0 home romp over Newcastle.



**GR-EIGHT MEMORY:** Victor Wanyama wheels away after scoring Saints' seventh in the record breaking 8-0 destruction of Sunderland.



**TOBY JIG:** Alderweireld celebrates his goal in Saints' 3-1 Boxing Day win at Crystal Palace.

Aug 17 Liverpool (A) ..... L1-2

Aug 23 West Brom (H) ..... D0-0

Aug 30 West Ham (A) ..... W3-1

Sept 13 Newcastle (H) ..... W4-0

Sept 20 Swansea (A) ..... W1-0

Sept 27 QPR (H) ..... W 2-1

Oct 5 Tottenham (A) ..... L0-1

Oct 18 Sunderland (H) ..... W8-0

Oct 25 Stoke City (H) ..... W1-0

Nov 1 Hull City (A) ..... W 1-0

Nov 8 Leicester City (H) ..... W2-0

Nov 24 Aston Villa(A) ..... D1-1

Nov 30 Manchester City (H) .. L0-3

Dec 3 Arsenal (A) ..... L0-1

Dec 8 Manchester Utd (H) ... L1-2

Dec 13 Burnley (A) ..... L0-1

Dec 20 Everton (H) ..... W3-0

Dec 26 Crystal Palace (A) ... W3-1

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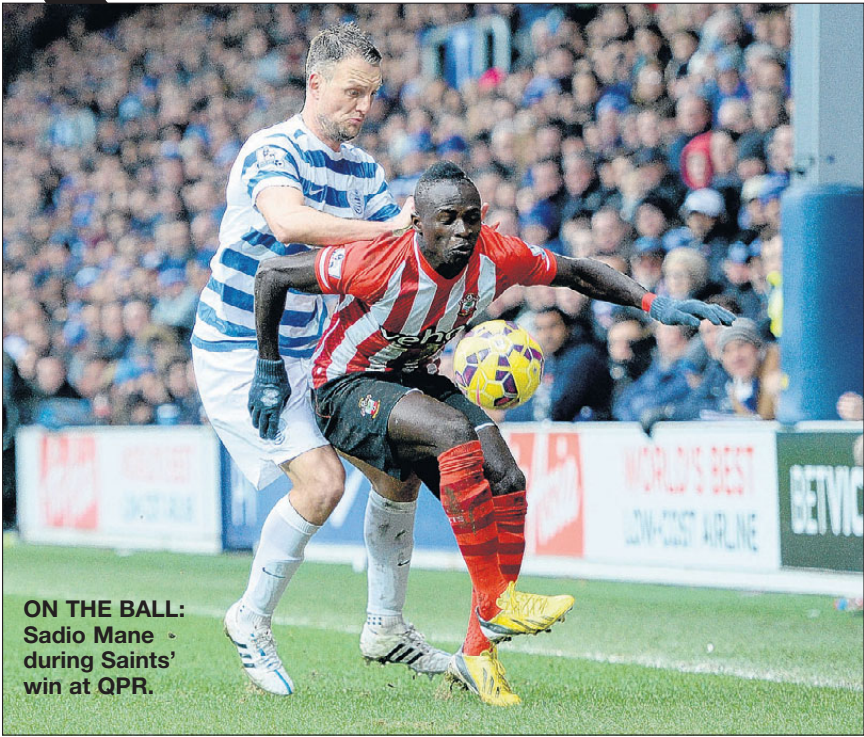


Saints Spotlight

PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON SO FAR



AWAY THE LAD: Elia celebrates after his two-goal show at Newcastle.



ON THE BALL: Sadio Mane during Saints' win at QPR.



GREAT WIN: Saints celebrate at Old Trafford.

Dec 28 Chelsea (H)	.....D1-1
Jan 1 Arsenal (H)	.....W2-0
Jan 11 Manchester Utd (A)	.W 1-0
Jan 17 Newcastle (A)	.....W 2-1
Feb 1 Swansea City (H)	.....L 0-1
Feb 7 QPR (A)	.....W 1-0
Feb 11 West Ham (H)	.....D 0-0
Feb 22 Liverpool (H)	.....L0-2
Feb 28 West Brom (A)	.....L 0-1
Mar 3 Crystal Palace (H)	..W 1-0
Mar 15 Chelsea (A)	.....D 1-1
Mar 21 Burnley (H)	.....W 2-0
Apr 4 Everton (A)	.....L 0-1
Apr 11 Hull City (H)	.....W 2-0
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STOKE v SAINTS REACTION IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Claridge: I won't be applying for Pompey job

STEVE Claridge has reassured fans of Salisbury FC that he is relishing the challenge in store and has dismissed a switch to his hometown club Portsmouth.

The already-committed Salisbury FC boss, who has a 20 per cent stake in the phoenix club, insists he won't be applying for the vacant job at Fratton Park, **writes Joel Holt.**

Alarmed fans were unsure of Claridge's future with the Whites after he told BBC Radio Solent on Monday "I'd do the job in a heartbeat" and "it's something I've always wanted to do".

But the 49-year-old, pictured below, now says he has no desire to succeed Andy Awford in the hotseat at the club he scored 34 times for between 1998/2001.

Setting the record straight, in an exclusive interview with The Pink's sister paper *The (Salisbury) Journal*, he said: "When I said I'd take it in a heartbeat, I didn't mean now."

"I won't be applying for the Pompey job."

"I'm quite excited about what's going on at Salisbury as we have something good happening."

"It's a fantastic club which needs football. I'm confident that there will be football played next season."

"I'm really enjoying it now and looking forward to getting going as it's been a long road."

Claridge currently spends his Saturdays summarising on BBC Radio 5 Live and being a pundit on *Football League Show*.

He says that will have to stop next season when he takes charge of the newly-formed Whites.

"Even I cannot be in two places at once," joked Claridge.

"Managing the friendly against Shrewton United in my first competitive game in charge was a better experience than I've ever had sat in a studio."

"We all want to do run this club properly and are not going to be stupid."

"There is no doubt we can make this work."

Claridge bought the assets of the old Whites – Salisbury City FC – alongside Ian Ridley, David Phillips, Jeremy Harwood and Graeme Mundy in December.

The consortium are still waiting to hear what league they will be posted into and expect to hear from the FA in the next week or so.

Claridge, a former Leicester City, Millwall and Birmingham City striker, added: "We want to be as high as possible."

"We know the size of the club. The important thing is to stay in a league, we don't care what teams we play as we know whoever we play they will have a go."

The Whites have a number of July pre-season friendly dates available and can either host or travel to clubs from Saturday, July 4.

Email Ian Rigley on [ian@salisburyfc.co.uk](mailto:ian@salisburyfc.co.uk) or tweet Steve Claridge @steveclaridge.



# Decision deferred on Dean Court capacity

CHAIRMAN Jeff Mostyn has revealed Cherries officials are holding fire on a decision as to whether the club should increase capacity at Dean Court until the end of the season.

Mostyn, below, has also quashed rumours of a possible ground-share and dismissed suggestions Cherries would be prevented from going up due to the size of the Goldsands Stadium, writes Neil Perrett.

Cherries were one point behind leaders Middlesbrough with a game in hand ahead of today's sell-out with Sheffield Wednesday and attendances have risen in line with the team's on-field fortunes.

But while facilitating bigger crowds would appear to be an obvious solution, Mostyn says careful consideration needs to be given to the logistics and financial benefits of adding extra seats.

He told the Daily Echo: "At this moment in time, no final decision has been made regarding the possibility of increasing the capacity. The dynamics could change quite dramatically if we were to add extra seating and there are a number of factors to consider."

"We have to be mindful of the fact that all away clubs are entitled to 10 per cent of the overall allocation and there could be issues regarding segregation if the capacity were to increase."

"At present, the manager's desire is to have home supporters in the South Stand and that may have to change due to the limited allocation in the segregated area in the East Stand. If capacity were to increase, we would have to house away supporters elsewhere, probably in the South Stand."

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# PLOTTING CHERRES' REMARKABLE



**AUGUST**  
9: Huddersfield Town (A) .....W 4-0  
16: Brentford (H) .....W 1-0  
19: Nottm Forest (H) .....L 1-2  
23: Blackburn Rovers (A) .....L 2-3  
30: Norwich City (A) .....D 1-1

**SEPTEMBER**  
13: Rotherham (H) .....D 1-1  
16: Leeds Utd (H) .....L 1-3  
20: Watford (A) .....D 1-1  
27: Wigan Athletic (H) .....W 2-0  
30: Derby County (A) .....L 0-2

**OCTOBER**  
4: Bolton Wanderers (A) .....W 2-1  
18: Charlton Athletic H .....W 1-0  
21: Reading H .....W 3-0  
25: Birmingham City A .....W 8-0

**NOVEMBER**  
1: Brighton . .....W 3-2  
4: Sheffield Wed . .....W 2-0  
8: Middlesbrough A .....D 0-0  
22: Ipswich Town .....D 2-2  
29: Millwall .....D 2-2

**DECEMBER**  
6: Wolves (A) .....W 2-1  
13: Cardiff City (H) .....W 5-3  
20: Blackpool (A) .....W 6-1  
26: Fulham (H) .....W 2-0  
28: Millwall (A) .....W 2-0

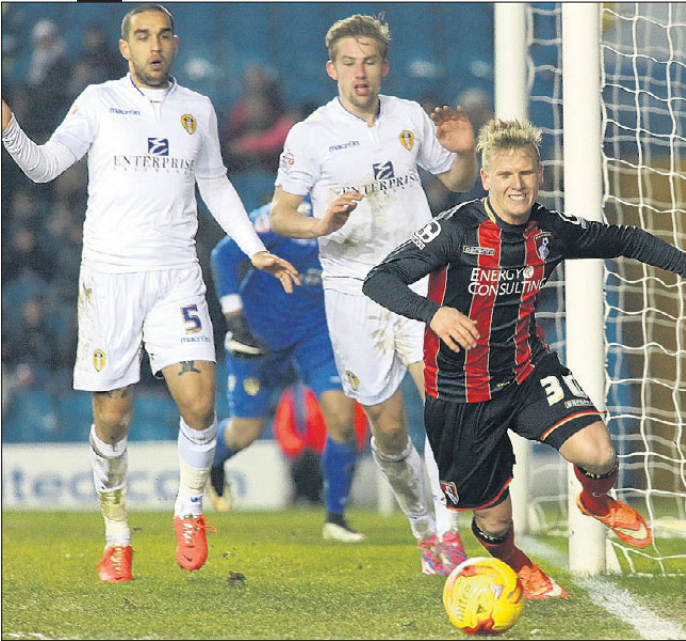
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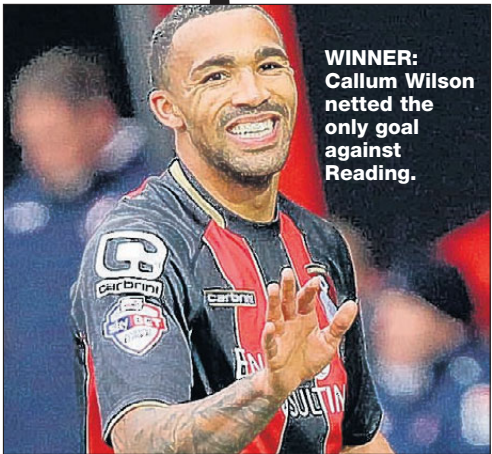
# PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON SO FAR



**CELEBRATION:** Yann Kermorgant after netting against Huddersfield.



**CLOSE CALL:** Matt Ritchie in action against Leeds.



**WINNER:** Callum Wilson netted the only goal against Reading.



**POINT WINNER:** Harry Arter celebrates his goal against Cardiff with Steve Cook.

**JANUARY**

- 10: Norwich City (H).....L 1-2
- 17: Rotherham United (A).....W2-0
- 24: Leeds United (A).....L0-1
- 31: Watford (H).....W2-0

**FEBRUARY**

- 7: Wigan Athletic (A).....W 3-1
- 10: Derby County (H) .....D 2-2
- 14: Huddersfield (H) .....D 1-1
- 21: Brentford (A) .....L 1-3
- 25: Nottingham Forest (A) .....L 2-1
- 28: Blackburn(H) .....D 0-0

**MARCH**

- 3: Wolves (H) .....W 2-1
- 7: Fulham (A) .....W 5-1
- 14: Blackpool (H) .....W 4-0
- 17: Cardiff City (A) .....D 1-1
- 21: Middlesbrough (H) .....W 3-0

**APRIL**

- 3: Ipswich Town (A) .....D 1-1
- 6: Birmingham City (H).....W 4-2
- 11: BrightonN (A).....W 2-0
- 14: Reading (A) .....W 1-0
- 18: Sheffield Wed . . . . .H
- 25: Bolton Wanderers . . . . .H

**MAY**

- 2: Charlton Athletic . . . . .A

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“That is one consideration. We also have to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of investing in additional seating compared with how much revenue it would generate. Our attendances have been excellent in recent weeks but we also must remember that not every game this season has been a sell-out.”

Mostyn said another key factor in delaying a decision was due to the board’s desire to wait until the conclusion of the season, with strict rules applying to clubs staging Premier League games.

He added: “The things we have to be mindful of are all related to media and television. We are well advanced in our thinking as to how the ground would have to take shape but everything is dependent on the final three games of the season.”

“Grounds staging Premier League football must meet certain criteria on a number of different aspects, including hard wiring all media areas and improving the floodlights for broadcast purposes. For instance, if we were fortunate enough to go up, we would have to make provision for up to 100 press seats, but these are all requirements we could meet.”

Asked whether there was any truth in rumours of a groundshare or Cherries being blocked from going up due to the capacity at Dean Court, Mostyn said: “I can give a categorical no to both. No official from this club has made a statement or even given consideration to a possible ground-share.”

“I can understand why there is an element of speculation about the second rumour because there used to be rules where a minimum number of seats were required in stadia hosting Premier League football but that is no longer the case.

“Finally, I can categorically confirm to supporters that irrespective of which division we are playing our football in next season, it will certainly be staged at Dean Court.”

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 19  
FA CUP  
Semi-final: Aston Villa v Liverpool (Wembley Stadium, 3pm).  
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE  
Man City v West Ham (1.30pm), Newcastle v Tottenham Hotspur (4pm).

Monday, April 20  
BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE  
Final second leg: SAINTS U21 v Blackburn U21 (7pm).  
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE  
Senior Division: Hamble Club v Winchester Castle, Hedge End Rangers v Colden Common.  
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Winchester City v AFC Totton.  
Division One West: Hythe & Dibden v East Cowes Vics.

Tuesday, April 21  
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
Quarter-final second leg: Barcelona v PSG, Bayern Munich v FC Porto.  
SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
Championship: Blackburn v Millwall.  
League 1: Milton Keynes Dons v Doncaster, Notts County v Preston, Rochdale v Leyton Orient, Scunthorpe v Bradford, Swindon v Walsall.  
League 2: Bury v Southend.  
VANARAMA CONFERENCE  
Premier: Aldershot v Wrexham.  
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Weymouth v Poole.  
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Andover Town v Brockenhurst, Fareham v Newport IoW, Hordean v Verwood.  
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE  
Division One: Lyndhurst v Michelmersh & Timsbury.  
ANDOVER OPEN CUP FINAL  
Stockbridge v Andover New Street Swifts.  
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Team Solent, Dorchester Town v Wimbore.

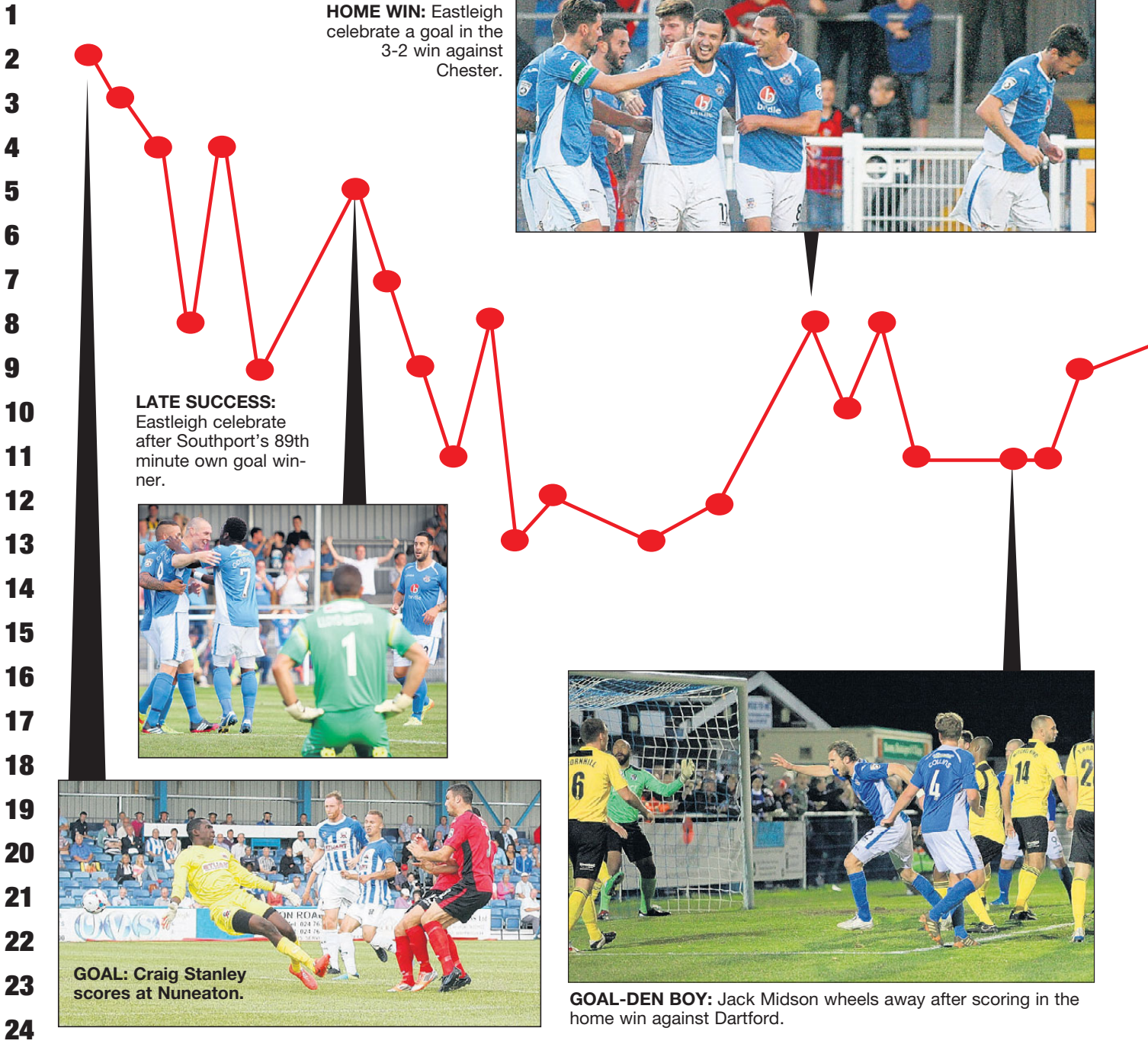
Wednesday, April 22  
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
Quarter-final second leg: Monaco v Juventus, Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid.  
SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
Championship: Reading v Birmingham.  
NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP FINAL  
Whitchurch Utd v Winchester City (at Andover New Street).  
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL  
Senior Division (6.30 kick-offs): AFC Stoneham v Hedge End Rangers, Hamble Club v Colden Common.  
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE  
Division One East: Hordean v Folland Sports.

Thursday, April 23  
UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE  
Quarter-final second leg: Dnipro v Club Brugge, Fiorentina v Dynamo Kiev, Napoli v Wolfsburg, Zenit St Petersburg v Sevilla.  
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Hordean v Alresford.

Saturday, April 25  
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE  
Burnley v Leicester, Crystal Palace v Hull, Man City v Aston Villa (5.30pm), Newcastle v Swansea, QPR v West Ham, SAINTS v Tottenham Hotspur (12.45pm), Stoke v Sunderland, West Brom v Liverpool.  
Sky Bet FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
Championship: Birmingham v Charlton, Brighton v Watford, Cardiff v Blackpool, Fulham v Middlesbrough, Huddersfield v Blackburn, Ipswich v Nottm Forest, Millwall v Derby, Reading v Brentford, Rotherham v Norwich, Sheff Wed v Leeds, Wigan v Wolverhampton.

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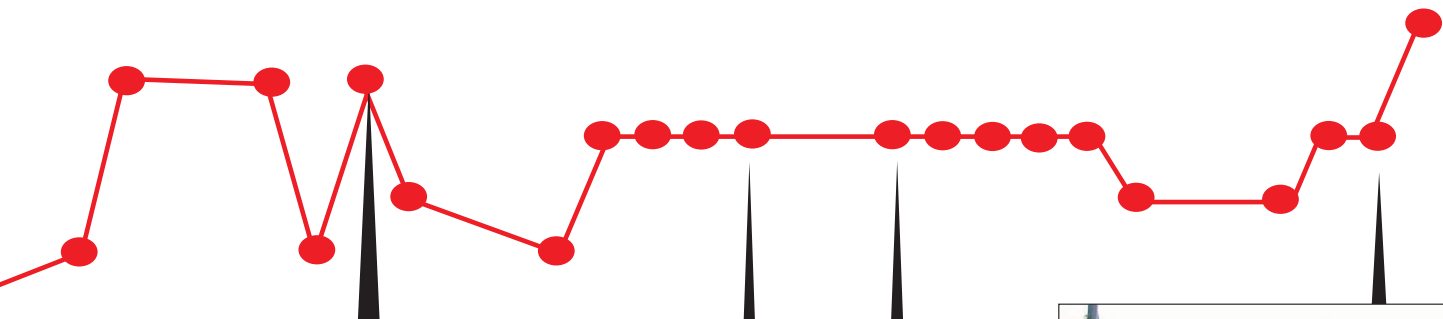


AUGUST	9 Nuneaton Town (A) .....	W3-0
	14 Aldershot Town (H) .....	W1-0
	16 Gateshead (H) .....	D2-2
	23 Dover Athletic (A) .....	L1-2
	25 Welling United (H) .....	W3-1
	30 Macclesfield Town (A) .....	L 0-2
SEPTEMBER	6 Southport (H) .....	W2-1
	9 Dartford (A) .....	D2-2
	13 Altrincham (A) .....	D3-3
	16 Forest Green Rovers (H) .....	D2-2
	20 Braintree Town (H) .....	W1-0
	27 Wrexham (A) .....	L 0-3
OCTOBER	30 Bristol Rovers (H) .....	D 1-1
	4 Barnet (A) .....	L0-1
	11 FC Halifax Town (H) .....	W 4-1
NOVEMBER	18 Nuneaton Town (H) .....	W2-1
	1 Chester (H) .....	W 3-2
	2 Forest Green Rovers (A) .....	D1-1
	22 Aldershot Town (A) .....	W2-0
DECEMBER	29 Torquay United (A) .....	L 0-2
	2 Dartford (H) .....	W2-0
	10 Alfreton Town (A) .....	L 2-3
	20 AFC Telford United (A) .....	W4-3

LINCOLN CITY v EASTLEIGH MATCH REPORT



CONFERENCE PREMIER SEASON



GOAL: Jack Midson scores against Lincoln.



HOME JOY: Joe Partington scores in last weekend's win against Alfreton.



GOAL: Deon Burton has just netted against Macclesfield.



HISTORIC WIN: Eastleigh bench all smiles at Bristol Rovers.

26 Woking (H)	.....D 2-2
28 Braintree Town (A)	.....W 5-1
JANUARY	
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4 Altrincham (H)	.....L 0-2
10 Lincoln City (H)	.....W4-0
27 Grimsby Town (H)	.....L 0-1
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14 Torquay United (H)	.....L 1-2
21 Chester (A)	.....W 1-0
28 Macclesfield Town (H)	.....W 4-0

7 Bristol Rovers (A)	.....W2-1
10 Kidderminster (A)	.....W 3-1
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25 Kidderminster	.....H

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**League 1:** Bradford v Barnsley, Chesterfield v Bristol City, Coventry v Crewe, Fleetwood Town v Colchester, Leyton Orient v Sheff Utd, Notts County v Doncaster, Peterborough v Crawley Town, Preston v Swindon, Rochdale v Milton Keynes Dons, Scunthorpe v Gillingham, Walsall v Oldham, Yeovil v Port Vale.

**League 2:** Burton Albion v Northampton, Bury v AFC Wimbledon, Cheltenham v Shrewsbury, Dag & Red v Accrington Stanley, Hartlepool v Exeter, Mansfield v Portsmouth, Oxford Utd v Cambridge Utd, Plymouth v Tranmere, Southend v Luton, Stevenage v Carlisle, Wycombe v Morecambe, York v Newport County.

**VANARAMA CONFERENCE Premier (5.15 kick-offs):** AFC Telford v Wrexham, Barnet v Gateshead, Braintree v Altrincham, Bristol Rovers v Alfreton, Chester v Nuneaton, Dartford v Lincoln, Eastleigh v Kidderminster, Forest Green v Dover, Grimsby v Aldershot, Torquay v Macclesfield, Welling v Southport, Woking v FC Halifax.

**South:** Chelmsford v Braintree, Ebbsfleet v Bishops Cleeve, Farnborough v Concord, Gosport Borough v Bromley, Havant & Waterlooville v Whitehawk, Hayes & Yeading v St Albans, Hemel Hempstead v Eastbourne Borough, Staines v Bath City, Sutton v Maidenhead, Weston-super-Mare v Basingstoke.

**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division:** Arlesey v Redditch, Biggleswade v Weymouth, Chesham v Banbury, Chippenham v Bideford, Cirencester v Burnham, Dorchester v Slough, Dunstable v Cambridge City, Frome v St Neots, Histon v Truro, Hungerford v Paulton Rovers, Poole Town v Corby.

**Division One South & West:** Bridgwater v Evesham, Clevedon v North Leigh, Fleet v Mangotsfield, Larkhall v Sholing, Merthyr v Stratford, Shortwood v Bishops Cleeve, Swindon Supermarine v Cinderford, Taunton v Wantage, Tiverton v AFC Totton, Wimborne v Didcot, Yate v Bashley.

**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE Premier Division:** AFC Portchester v Fawley, Andover Town v Fareham, Bemerton HH v Bournemouth Poppies, Brockenhurst v Blackfield & Langley, Christchurch v Winchester City, Hamworthy Utd v Moneyfields, Horndean v Totton & Eling, Lymington Town v Folland Sports, Newport IoW v Petersfield Town, Verwood v Whitchurch.

**Division One:** Andover New Street v Tadley Calvea, Cowes Sports v Romsey, Hythe & Dibden v Fleet Spurs, Laverstock & Ford v Team Solent.

**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE Senior Division:** ASFC Stoneham v Otterbourne, Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club, Hedge End Rangers v Bush Hill, Liss Athletic v Winchester Castle, Overton v Clarnfield.

**Division One:** Cadnam v Andover Lions, Lyndhurst v Upham.

**Combination Division:** Fleetlands v Clarnfield, QK Southampton v Overton.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE Premier Division:** Moneyfields v Winchester City.

**Division One East:** Folland Sports v Newport IoW, Tadley Calvea v Horndean.

**Division One West:** Bashley v Fawley, East Cowes Vics v Blackfield & Langley.



# Non-league Football

## Sports Quiz

- 1 How old is Wigan prop Ben Flower?
- 2 Kim Clijsters won how many grand slam titles?
- 3 How many Tests has Adil Rashid played for England?
- 4 Where will the 2018 Commonwealth Games be held?
- 5 Who was the last English manager to win the Premier League/First Division title?
- 6 Whose Masters record did Jordan Spieth equal with his score of 18 under par at Augusta?
- 7 Kingstone Press Championship side Leigh Centurions continued their 100 per cent start to the season with a 36-22 victory against who on Sunday?
- 8 Which former Newcastle and Port Vale defender resigned as manager of Stockport in August 2013?
- 9 Who won gold in the men's 100m at the Sydney Olympics in 2000?
- 10 Which Belgian side did Eidur Gudjohnsen last represent before returning to Bolton in December?
- 11 Lewis Hamilton completed the hat-trick of pole position, fastest lap and race victory at the Chinese Grand Prix to draw level with seven alongside which two drivers?
- 12 Which two players are currently leading the goalscoring charts for Arsenal with 14 Premier League goals apiece so far this season?
- 13 Which County Championship side play their cricket at Edgbaston?
- 14 Name the leading South Africa side - currently third in the Super 15 table - that are based in Pretoria.
- 15 Which team defeated the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday to clinch a spot in the NHL Eastern Conference play-offs?

## ANSWERS

1 27; 2 Four; 3 None; 4 Gold Coast; 5 Howard Wilkinson; 6 6 Tiger Woods; 7 Sheffield Eagles; 8 Ian Bogie; 9 Maurice Greene; 10 Club Brugge; 11 Alberto Ascari; 12 and Ayrton Senna; 13 Sanchez; 14 Warwickshire; 15 Bulls; 16 The Ottawa Senators.

# BEEN THERE, DONE THAT,



PAST PROMOTION: Jack Midson.



PROMOTION SPECIALIST: Craig Stanley, above left.

### EASTLEIGH could soon be on the verge of a remarkable achievement – promotion to the Football League.

The Spitfires moved into the Conference Premier play-off zone earlier this week after a 2-0 success at Halifax.

It was their seventh away win in their last eight games on the road and left a play-off spot firmly in their hands.

While it is extraordinary to see Eastleigh occupying such a lofty position in the football pyramid, it is not a new experience for many of their players.

Boss Richard Hill has assembled a squad top-heavy with men who know what the fifth tier of English football is all about.

And, more to the point, what it takes to win promotion into the Football League.

There are seven players in Hill's squad that have experienced the joy of swapping non league football for the fourth tier.

**Ben Strevens:** The midfielder is aiming to win promotion to the Football League for the third time. He was a regular for Paul Fairclough's Barnet when they stormed to the Conference title in 2004/05, finishing 12 points clear of runners-up Hereford United.

He also scored ten goals as Dagenham & Redbridge won the Conference title two years later.

That was an even more emphatic title-winning success, as the Daggers ended 14 points clear of runners-up Oxford United.

Now 34, Strevens is hoping for his

second promotion in as many seasons at the Silverlake Stadium.

In his first campaign at Eastleigh after joining on a free from Dagenham, he helped the Spitfires claim the Conference South title.

**Craig Stanley:** Like Strevens, Stanley is also aiming to win promotion via the Conference with a third different club.

But unlike Strevens, who has twice been a title winner at this level, Stanley has twice gone up via the play-offs.

He was part of the Hereford United side that beat Halifax in 2006 and also in the Morecambe side that defeated Exeter City 2-1 in the first Conference play-off final at Wembley 12 months later.

**James Constable:** Was top scorer with 25 league goals when Oxford United won the Conference play-off final against York in May 2010.

Constable was on target in both legs of the semi final win against Rushden & Diamonds, and also scored at the national stadium as Oxford went 2-0 up inside the first 21 minutes.

Constable is Eastleigh's top scorer this amazing season, his 18th of the term arriving at Halifax on Tuesday.

**Craig McAllister:** Eastleigh's player assistant manager, above inset, scored 13 league and cup goals for Crawley in their Annus Mirabilis of 2011/12.

That season the Sussex club not only stormed to the Conference Premier title – they also reached the fifth round of the FA Cup.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST EASTLEIGH



# Non-league Football

## GOT THE T-SHIRT ...

business telecoms that kick!



**PROMOTION SPECIALIST:** Ben Strevens is congratulated after scoring this season.



**PAST PROMOTION:** James Constable (blue).

McAllister scored for Crawley in a 2-1 win over three divisions higher Derby, and also appeared for Town in their 1-0 last 16 defeat at Old Trafford.

**Jack Midson:** Played the first 78 minutes as Oxford United's four-year stay in the Conference Premier was ended with a 3-1 play-off final win over York City in May 2010.

**Dean Beckwith:** The defender was, like Craig Stanley, part of the Hereford side that won the 2005/06 Conference Premier play-off final against Halifax.

**Chris Todd:** The Spitfires' player coach played 26 games for Torquay in their 2008/09 Conference Premier play-off winning season, though didn't appear in the Wembley victory over Cambridge United.

Todd has been restricted to just nine league appearances this season, the last of which came just after Christmas.

Elsewhere in Eastleigh's squad, there are players used to winning promotion.

**Deon Burton:** The much-travelled striker, inset above right, is hoping for his third promotion in as many seasons – but his first from non league football.

Burton was part of the Gillingham side that won the League 2 title in 2012/13, and was also in the Scunthorpe squad that won promotion from the same division last term.

**Joe Partington:** Played 11 times when AFC Bournemouth won promotion from League 2 in 2009/10, and made 14 appearances when the Cherries went up from League 1 in 2012/13.

The defender is currently on loan to Eastleigh while his parent club – like his

temporary one – aim for the most phenomenal promotion in their history.

**Brian Howard:** The former Saints academy midfielder was part of the Barnsley side that won the 2005/06 League 1 play-off final against Swansea on penalties. Eastleigh colleague Paul Reid was also in the Tykes squad.

**Jai Reason:** The creative midfielder was a key component of Braintree's Conference South title winning season of 2011/12. Despite winning promotion to the Conference Premier with the Essex club, he decided to return to the division below when Eastleigh came calling in the summer of 2012.

**Jamie Turley:** The defender was part of the Salisbury City side that won promotion to the Conference South in 2010/11.

**Michael Green:** The full back in the AFC Totton side that won promotion from the Southern League Division 1 (South & West) in 2010/11. A few months later he signed for then League 2 club Port Vale, but returned to Hampshire to sign for Eastleigh not long after.

**Richard Hill:** Even Eastleigh's manager was no stranger to winning promotion during his own playing career.

He was the fourth division's top scorer in 1986/87 with 29 goals as the Cobblers stormed to the title.

Northampton started the season by winning 19 of their first 23 games.

By January 1, 1987, they were 17 points ahead of the second placed team and had already scored 67 goals!

Hill and co ended with 99 points and 103 goals.

Among his team-mates that season was Paul McMenemy, nephew of Saints managerial legend Lawrie.



## Sports Quiz

1 Chelsea signed goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois from which club?

2 England batsman Gary Ballance was born in which country?

3 Which city will host this year's Europa League final?

4 Who did Sir Clive Woodward, pictured below, succeed as England rugby coach in 1997?

5 How many Wimbledon titles did Pete Sampras win?

6 Who was the only Spaniard to score in the 2014 Champions League final when Real Madrid beat Atletico Madrid 4-1?



7 Which golfer has had the most runner-up finishes (five) at a major without ever having won one?

8 Who scored 149 in the 2007 Cricket World Cup final between Australia and Sri Lanka?

9 Major League Baseball sides the White Sox and the Cubs are based in which city?

10 Which is the only nation to have more than one player in the top 10 of the current WTA tennis rankings?

11 Jurgen Klopp spent his entire professional playing career at which club?

12 What nationality is 2014 Wimbledon semi-finalist Milos Raonic?

13 In what year did West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul make his Test debut?

14 Name the Uttoxeter swimmer who won two gold medals at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games?

15 Aston Villa signed Christian Benteke from which club?

## ANSWERS

Answers: 1 Genk; 2 Zimabawe; 3 Warsaw; 4 Jack Rowell; 5 Seven (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000); 6 Sergio Ramos; 7 Colin Montgomerie; 8 Adam Gilchrist; 9 Chicago; 10 Russia; 11 Mainz; 12 Canadian; 13 1994; 14 Adam Peaty; 15 Genk.



# Saints Spotlight

**Football Spot:**  
**Gossip, News & Moves!**

## Carver focus on results

NEWCASTLE head coach John Carver is looking for results rather than performances as he attempts to halt the club's alarming slide.

The Magpies go into Sunday's clash with Saints' Euro rivals, Tottenham, at St James' Park on the back of five successive Barclays Premier League defeats and in danger of slipping from the relative comfort of mid-table to the fringes of the scrap for top-flight survival.

In the circumstances, Carver needs points to ease the mounting pressure as Spurs and then Swansea head for Tyneside, and he does not care how they come.

He said: "They are two home games that are massive for us. There's no doubt about it – we are looking for results by hook or by crook."

"If I cast my mind back to Arsenal, we performed quite well without winning. Now it is all about winning, not about how we perform. It's about the results."

"It is encouraging that we have four at home and two away, but we have to start winning now."

Newcastle have not collected a single point since they defeated Aston Villa at St James' on February 28, and that has left them in 13th place in the table, nine points clear of the drop zone, but not yet assured of their Premier League status.

Carver, if not the travelling fans who witnessed it, was pleased with his team's response to derby defeat in Monday night's 2-0 reverse at Liverpool, and with skipper Fabricio Colocini back from suspension – Moussa Sissoko and Papiss Cisse are both still banned – he will hope for more on Sunday.

He said: "It's a big test for everybody. We have gone through a rough patch and not won in five games. It's down to me to get them in the right frame of mind. We can't keep looking over our shoulders and relying on other teams."

"I saw a positive reaction at Anfield and for a long time, we showed we have good players and a good team. I will be looking for the same thing in the Spurs and Swansea games."

Carver's players may have to contend with a boycott by disgruntled fans, but more immediately, the threat of in-from Spurs striker Harry Kane.

The head coach said: "He's been outstanding. He deserved to get into the England team and it's great to see a young English player doing so well. But we have a more reasonable back four and hopefully they can stem his flow."



**SAINTS were aiming to make it three wins in a row against Mark Hughes' Stoke City this weekend.**

Here, Jack Rosser looks back at Saints' post-war league record against the Potters in the Potteries.

**November 19 1960**  
**Stoke City 1 Saints 2**  
**Division 2**

George O'Brien put Saints ahead in 31st minute, followed by a John Page penalty to make it 2-0 in the 57th minute. Johnny King replied 15 minutes from time.

**December 9 1961**  
**Stoke City 3 Saints 2**  
**Division 2**

Derek Reeves headed Saints in front with Tommy Mulgrew making it 2-0 in the 38th minute.

But it was downhill from then on as Thompson (2) and Don Ratcliffe inspired a home recovery.

**September 15 1962**  
**Stoke City 3 Saints 1**  
**Division 2**

Saints played in their old gold strip for the first time with Dave Chadwick scoring his only ever Saints goal.

**October 15 1966**  
**Stoke City 3 Saints 2**  
**Division 1**

Ron Davies scored two headers – part of his 37-goal top flight haul for

# POTTING POINTS IN THE POTTERIES ...

**GOAL: Phil Boyer heads Saints' winner in 1980**



the season – but the hosts still won with goals from Peter Dobing, Calvin Palmer and John Ritchie.

**September 23 1967**  
**Stoke City 3 Saints 2**  
**Division 1**

Stoke took a 2-0 lead with goals from Roy Vernon and Harry Burrows. Martin Chivers then scored either side of Burrows' second with Gordon Banks making a number of important saves.

**October 9 1968**  
**Stoke City 1 Saints 0**  
**Division 1**

Saints conceded in the 88th minute to Harry Burrows before Ron Davies struck the woodwork 60 seconds later.

**August 30 1969**  
**Stoke City 2 Saints 1**

**MUDDY MARVEL: Steve Moran in the Victoria Stadium mud in 1981.**

### Division 1

Jimmy Gabriel opened the scoring for Saints before Harry Burrows, on target for the third season running, and Peter Dobing won the game for Stoke.

**November 28 1970**  
**Stoke City 0 Saints 0**  
**Division One**

A goalless stalemate saw Saints end their six-game losing streak at The Victoria Ground.

**January 22 1972**  
**Stoke City 3 Saints 1**  
**Division One**

Tony Byrne's 86th minute goal was just a consolation after Stoke netted through Jimmy Greenhoff (2) and John Ritchie.

**November 11 1972**  
**Stoke City 3 Saints 3**  
**Division 1**

Denis Smith gave Stoke a fourth minute lead with Jimmy Greenhoff missing a penalty on 10 minutes.

Five minutes later Mick Channon levelled from a spot-kick.

Saints and Stoke exchanged the lead in the second half with John Ritchie and Conroy scoring for the hosts.

Ron Davies replied for Saints and the Welshman also set up Bobby Stokes for his 82nd minute equaliser.

**March 16 1974**  
**Stoke City 4 Saints 1**  
**Division 1**

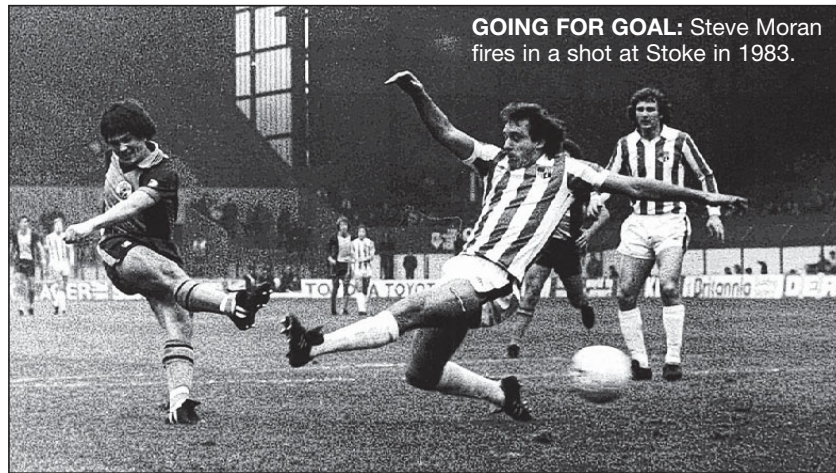
Peter Osgood's Saints debut ended in a miserable defeat, John Ritchie firing a hat-trick for the hosts. World Cup hero Geoff Hurst also scored while Saints' consolation was an Alan Dodd own goal.

Saints were relegated a few weeks later.

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# Saints Spotlight



**GOING FOR GOAL:** Steve Moran fires in a shot at Stoke in 1983.



**August 24 1977**  
Stoke City 1 Saints 0  
Division 2

Garth Crooks scored the only goal 13 minutes from time.

**April 20 1980**  
Stoke City 1 Saints 2  
Division 1

Saints came from behind to win after Brendan O'Callaghan had opened the scoring. Ivan Golac hammered in an unstoppable effort before Phil Boyer headed in the winner on 75 minutes.

**March 14 1981**  
Stoke City 1 Saints 2  
Division 1

Kevin Keegan scored twice for Saints before Stoke replied in the 87th minute through Adrian Heath.

**November 7 1981**  
Stoke City 0 Saints 2  
Division 1

Kevin Keegan was again on target in a Victoria Ground victory. David Armstrong hammered in a 20-yard shot on seven minutes before Keegan converted a penalty.

**April 23 1983**

**Stoke City 1 Saints 1**  
Division 1

Danny Wallace's 88th minute equaliser rescued a point for Saints a point after George Berry put Stoke ahead.

**May 5 1984**  
Stoke City 1 Saints 1  
Division 1

A Mark Wright overhead kick caught out the home keeper and Nick Holmes volleyed into an open net. Phil Maguire levelled for the lowly hosts ten minutes from time.

**October 13 1984**

**Stoke City 1 Saints 3**  
Division 1

Alan Curtis and Steve Williams were on target with Saints, along with an own goal from Potters defender Paul Dyson.

Phil Heath replied.

**April 15 2006**  
Stoke City 1 Saints 2  
Championship

Gregorz Rasiak scored his eighth and ninth goals of the season, the first of which was from the penalty spot, in what was Saints' last league victory at Stoke.

Paul Gallagher replied in the 83rd minute.

**March 10 2007**  
Stoke City 2 Saints 1  
Championship

Marek Saganowski gave Saints the lead on 14 minutes, but Jon Fortune and Lee Martin hit back for the hosts.

**February 12 2008**  
Stoke City 3 Saints 2  
Championship

A Darren Powell own goal gave Stokea lead that was quickly added to by Ryan Shawcross and Mamady Sidibe.

Stern John replied twice in the second half.

**December 29 2012**  
Stoke City 3 Saints 3  
Premier League

Rickie Lambert gave Saints a 10th minute lead.

After ex-Saint Kenwyne Jones had levelled, Jay Rodriguez and an own goal from Andy Wilkinson put Nigel Adkins' men 3-1 ahead.

Matt Upson pulled one back for Stoke before Cameron Jerome scored a belter on 90 minutes to make it 3-3 at full time.

**November 2 2013**  
Stoke City 1 Saints 1  
Premier League

Stoke keeper Asimir Begovic amazingly scored a wind assisted goal after just 13 seconds of the game.

Jay Rodriguez grabbed an equaliser for Mauricio Pochettino's men.

## BOOK of the WEEK

*Rise of the Underdog: My life inside football*  
By Danny Higginbotham with Wayne Barton

Sports book of the month.com price:  
£11.89, saving £5.10 on rrp

IF THEY'RE planning to encourage you to read further, it's essential that sporting biographies capture your attention with either a dramatic or thought-provoking opening and pretty soon, you've devoured half a dozen chapters without realising.

In an age when, thanks to its 24/7 exposure, football-related tomes account for almost half of the sports books published in the UK, it's important that footballing biographies, especially if their subject is not in the mega-star category, engage with their readers 'early doors'. This simple rule of thumb probably explains why one of the best footballing autobiographies of 2014 was written by Roy Race, aka Roy of the Rovers.

Danny Higginbotham would be the first to admit that he was no Roy Race. A solid, dependable pro, described here by Tony Pulis as "fair, honest and uncompromising", Higginbotham was the type of player a manager could rely upon to put his body on the line without ever thinking this wasn't part of their job. Reading *Rise of the Underdog* reminded me of *Domestique*, written by former cycling professional Tony Wegelius, another who could be relied upon to do the heavy shifting, complete the hard miles.

By his own admission, Higginbotham, who comes across as the least materialistic footballer ever, made a good living from the game during a career spanning 17 years and eight league clubs, one Belgian and two non-league clubs, as well as three international appearances for Gibraltar.

Yet he gradually fell out of love with football. He didn't want to and even went part-time in the hope that this would rekindle his desire to play, but ultimately, he realised he had had enough.

In contrast to many sporting biographies that open in a blaze of glory, Higginbotham starts his with a tale of loss, relinquishing an activity that had been central to his adult life. It is this that apprehends the reader's attention, for it's different, real.

There's a moving exchange of text messages with Michael Duberry when Higginbotham asks "how do you know when the time's right [to call it a day]?" The former defender replies, wisely: "When your effort is more than the satisfaction you're getting back."

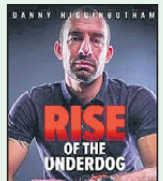
You don't need to support any one of the sides for whom Higginbotham played to enjoy *Rise of the Underdog* because this is the story of a man who made the most of his sporting ability and who now understands that there's more to life than playing football.

### QUIZ QUESTION

We've teamed up with *sportsbookofthemonth.com* and have a copy of *The Rise of the Underdog* to give away.

To win this prize, visit *sportsbookofthemonth.com* website and answer the following question:

Which was Danny Higginbotham's first professional club?



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# Non-league Football

## TEMPO TRAVEL CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE STANDINGS

### Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamble Roll Call	11	11	0	0	63	7	33
KRL	14	10	0	4	56	25	30
AFC Bursledon	12	8	2	2	52	18	26
AFC West End	13	7	1	5	31	15	19
Bush Hill & NH	12	5	1	6	34	37	16
Sholing United	11	6	0	5	50	35	15
Cricketers Arms	14	4	0	10	34	51	12
Yacht Tavern	12	4	0	8	22	45	12
Aldermoor United	15	0	0	15	10	119	0

### Junior Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ice House	15	13	0	2	88	35	39
Landguard Rovers	18	11	1	6	72	53	34
Glen	18	9	1	8	62	49	28
Titans	15	7	4	4	38	23	25
RS Ocean Village	16	7	2	7	50	43	23
Sky Blues	17	7	1	9	47	59	22
AFC Riverside	17	6	1	10	32	52	19
AFC Portswood	14	6	1	7	40	71	19
Chamberlayne Ath	18	5	3	10	41	51	18
Chartwell Green	12	1	2	9	21	55	5

### Junior Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Itchen Saints	13	9	3	1	61	17	30
Testlands	13	9	2	2	48	17	29
Hamble RC Res	13	9	2	2	42	18	29
S & D Youth	16	9	1	6	51	56	28
B Wood Wanderers	12	7	1	4	42	27	22
L'motive Eastleigh	13	4	5	4	26	28	17
Phoenix AFC	14	4	0	10	24	50	12
LH Galaxy	16	1	4	11	19	47	7
Athletico Tin Hut	14	0	2	12	14	67	2

### Junior Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End Athletic	14	13	1	0	101	25	40
Trant	14	11	1	2	74	17	34
Young Boys 93/4	15	7	0	8	51	53	21
Bishops	14	7	0	7	34	47	21
Test Valley Spartans	14	6	1	7	32	46	19
AFC Bishopstoke	14	5	3	6	29	41	18
AFC Velmore	13	4	4	5	40	39	16
Fleming Sports	15	2	2	11	27	65	8
Chartwell Green Res	15	2	2	11	18	73	8

### Junior Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marchwood Rngs	17	10	2	5	54	36	32
AFC Southbrook	15	10	1	4	57	30	31
Carnival UK	15	8	2	5	55	42	26
King George	15	8	2	5	36	28	26
Eastpoint	16	8	2	6	43	45	26
Durley	16	7	3	6	41	26	24
Shelfside	16	7	3	6	62	54	24
Royale Marine	15	6	2	7	28	29	20
Holbury United	18	6	0	12	45	66	18
Otter Sunday	17	1	1	15	22	87	4

### Junior Division Five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dorchester Arms	17	13	2	2	81	22	41
Curbridge	14	11	2	1	67	11	35
Sholing Monks	15	11	1	3	69	26	34
Bitterne Ducks	15	9	2	4	56	30	29
Portswood United	18	7	5	6	53	36	26
Portside	14	7	2	5	43	24	23
Burridge AFC	16	6	2	8	46	44	20
Itchen Albion	16	5	0	11	28	64	15
St Minions	16	1	1	14	21	127	4
Soton SeaHawks	17	0	1	16	9	89	1

### Junior Division Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mottisfont	15	14	1	0	99	11	43
Fawley RBL	17	13	2	2	85	31	41
Hunters Inn	16	12	0	4	64	18	36
Netley Royals	18	11	3	4	53	46	36
AFC Spitfire	17	7	3	7	49	49	24
JSC	16	5	2	9	38	40	17
Sporting Compass	16	5	2	9	35	69	17
Unity	17	4	2	11	29	61	14
Bannister Park	18	2	1	15	18	88	7
AFC Phoenix	16	1	2	13	24	81	5

### Junior Division Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Waterside	11	10	1	0	82	5	31
Lyndhurst Junior FC	11	9	0	2	57	13	27
Dorchester Manor	12	8	0	4	41	27	24
Portswood Utd Res	12	7	1	4	53	26	22
AFC Carnival	12	1	3	8	20	76	6
C'layne Ath Res	12	1	2	9	18	80	5
T'wood Tornadoes	12	0	3	9	23	67	3

● Tables do not include this weekend's games.

## JAMES Thomson fired a hat-trick as Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League Senior Division leaders Hamble Roll Call won 3-1 at Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977.

Bush Hill, who replied through a Mike Randall penalty, were then beaten 5-2 by Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) a few days later, **writes JACK ROSSER.**

Wade Wilson and Randall netted for a Bush side who conceded four second-half goals after going into half-time 1-1.

A second-half winner from Mike Saunders gave KRL victory at AFC West End.

In Junior Division 1, leaders Ice House hammered nine second-half goals in a 13-1 midweek romp over Chartwell Green.

Sean Haines led the rout with five goals, with Kevin Cutter and Andy Longland both scoring hat-tricks. Leon Palmer and Martyn Randall also netted, with Kieran Yendell replying.

Haines' nap hand was eclipsed by team-mate Andrew Longman as he scored SEVEN times during an 11-2 win at AFC Riverside last weekend.

Dan Smith, Kev Cutter, Joe Walsh and James Haines were all on target, while Andy Dance twice replied.

Dan Saunders, Brett Hall and Louis Cassim all scored twice as RS Ocean thrashed AFC Portswood 10-2. John Longman, Ben Dawkins, Steve Angel and Akbar Shah also netted while Rob North and Eric Makate replied.

Brad Snelling struck five times for Sky Blue in a 7-0 win against lowly Chamberlayne Athletic. Chris Flood and Keiran Palmer also scored.

Langard Rovers came from 1-0 down at the break to beat Titans 3-2 with their first goal coming directly from a Mo Melo corner.

Ben Hatcher scored penalties either side of half-time for the visitors, but Iyaaz Cawsey and Nick Skolsky secured the points for Rovers.

Athletico Tin Hut were caned 7-0 by Itchen Saints in a midweek game, with goals coming from Rich Warner (2), Brian Lampert, Tony Sullivan, Sam McStay, Jamie Wilson and Liam Collimore.

Warren Applegate scored four times for Boyatt Wood Wanderers as they edged past Phoenix AFC 5-4. Nick McAllister also scored with Mitch Drouet, Danny Longman, Jamie Washer and an own goal replying.

John-Paul Henning rescued a point with the final kick for L.H. Galaxy as they drew 1-1 at Athletico Tin Hut.

It was a significant goal as it was Galaxy's last ever competitive game.

In Junior Division 3, Trant closed the gap on leaders Hedge End to six points with a 6-0 victory over Bishops. Bouwe Bosma netted five times with Dan Petley also scoring.

AFC Velmore enjoyed a 5-1 win over Test Valley Spartans with Alex Waldron adding to doubles from both Lee Farrent-Poole and Ash Hibberd. Craig Kingshott got a debut consolation reply.

A James Bray hat-trick secured three points for AFC Bishopstoke in a 3-2 win over Young Boys 93/4.



**FIVE-GOAL BLAST:** Trant's Bouwe Bosma, left.

# THOMSON TREBLE FIRES ROLL CALL TO VICTORY

Charlie Hartup and Barry Hamilton replied.

In Junior Division 4, a Josh Barclay goal saw King George beat Durley in a midweek game.

Durley hit back a few days later, caning AFC Southbrook 7-1 with goals from Ash Dallimore (3), Owen Williams, Mike Church, Matt Darling and Steve Willis. Mark Christopher replied.

Luke Chalmers scored five times

to help Junior Division 5 side Portside hammer struggling St Minions 12-1.

Alex Azedegan (3), Jason McHugh (2), Nathan Turner and Kevin Baker also netted, with Martin Ellis replying.

Minions' woes were added to last weekend when they were thrashed 12-1 by Sholing Monks. Ben Adams and Steven Gulliver shared six goals with Ryan Phillips, Kevin

Thorne and Ben Mather all scoring twice. Ashley Le Bas replied.

Portside won again, 4-2 at Dorchester Arms, with doubles from Alex Azadegan and Iain Chambers. Aaron Heskins and Kieran Hine replied.

Burridge AFC were 6-1 winners over Itchen Albion thanks to Andy Graham (3), Jordan Sullivan and Karl Atkin.

In Junior Division 5, rock bottom Southampton Seahawks lost 2-1 at home to Bitterne Ducks, Ben Oliver replying.

Fawley RBL closed the gap at the top of Junior Division 6 to just two points with an 11-1 win over AFC Phoenix.

Sean Auger struck a hat-trick while David Otworoski, Thomas Dolan and Philly Bryan all scored twice and Daniel Tonks and Brandon Wright one each. Lee Gallop replied.

AFC Spitfire had seven different scorers in their 8-2 win over Sporting Compass - Martin Wilson (2), Matthew Coulthard, Joe Burgess, Richard Emblen, Neil Philpotts, Steve Bell and Reece Badger. Micheal Seaforth and Stuart Griffin replied.

Unity and JSC drew 2-2, Adam Beston and Ben Jacobs on target for the latter.

In Junior Division 7, Andy Riddell (3) and Eddie Carling helped Dorchester Manor beat rock bottom Testwood Tornadoes 4-3. Marek Szalajico and Lee Starks replied.

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# Non-league Football



**STOP:** Sporting BTC keeper Nathan Parker makes a penalty shoot-out save.

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## SPORTING BTC won the Hampshire FA's Saturday Veterans Cup final – after beating league champions Colden Common on penalties at Test Park.

The Stoneham Lane-based club took a 34th-minute lead through Martin Cornwall but Neil Barker's equaliser on the stroke of half-time meant an entertaining match was decided on spot-kicks, *writes SIMON WALTER.*

With no extra-time, Sporting BTC won the shoot out 4-3 thanks to two good saves from Nathan Parker.

Right-back Cornwall was the only Sporting player to miss during the shoot-out, but it was his header from a Billy Kelly corner that put his side in front shortly after Colden Common had struck the post.

Number ten Alan Darling chipped an audacious effort against the back stick on the half hour after Sporting had made most of the early running.

The vision of Darren Randall and the strong running of striker Ben Goodridge created the best of the early chances for the eventual winners, with Colden Common keeper Robert Waller equal to the latter's long-range shooting.

A mazy run from Goodridge's strike partner, Glen Colmer, opened up another opportunity but Waller dealt comfortably with it and Randall also fired powerfully but straight at the Colden Common goalkeeper from 25 yards.

Colden Common were not without chances

of their own. Striker Richard Lang saw his close-range effort saved by Parker following an excellent cross from the right.

And a driving run from Darling from inside his own half also gave Sporting something to think about before a sensational crossfield ball from Paul Wheeler set up the opportunity for Barker to equalise from inside the penalty area.

Colmer nearly restored Sporting's lead five minutes into the second half, when he cut inside on to his left foot and curled a 25-yarder against a post.

Another dribble from Sporting's number nine resulted in Waller being called into action again just past the hour, but Colmer missed the target with a header from Goodridge's excellent cross midway through the second half.

For Colden Common, winger Joseph Hodge curled a 25-yarder narrowly wide of the top corner and substitute Daniel Shepherd and his strike-partner Lang both headed against the top of the crossbar in the last 20 minutes.

But it was not to be for the league champions.

**Sporting BTC Vets:** Nathan Parker, Martin Cornwall, Sean McCartney, Stuart Brown, Ben Goodridge, Andrew Turner, Darren Randall (Dean Pengelly 80), Billy Kelly (Sean Madden 74), Glen Colmer, Jason Gosney, Matthew Haws (Darren Marchant 60).

**Colden Common Vets:** Robert Waller, Steven Thorpe, Simon Yeadon, Paul Wheeler, Norman Steel (Matthew Webb 76), Daniel Jeffery, Leigh Bishop, Neil Barker (Mark Upson 68), Richard Lang, Alan Darling (Daniel Shepherd 60).

Unused subs: Martin Lawrence, Paul Hawkins.



**LEFT AND RIGHT:** Action from Sporting BTC Vets (blue and white strip) v Colden Common Vets.

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34587167 (right)



**GET IN!** Sporting BTC Vets celebrate their dramatic victory.

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## Did You Know?

### SAINTS MANAGERS SINCE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM

Dave Jones (Jun 1997-Jan 2000)

Glenn Hoddle (Jan 2000-Mar 2001)

Stuart Gray Mar 2001-Oct 2001)

Gordon Strachan (Oct 2001-Feb 2004)

Paul Sturrock Mar 2004-Aug 2004)

Steve Wigley (Aug 2004-Dec 2004)

Harry Redknapp (Dec 2004-Dec 2005)

George Burley (Dec 2005-Jan 2008)

Nigel Pearson (Feb 2008-May 2008)

Jan Poortvliet (May 2008-Jan 2009)

Mark Wotte (Jan, 2009-Jul 2009)

Alan Pardew (Jul 2009-Aug 2010)

Nigel Adkins (Sep 2010-Jan 2013)

Mauricio Pochettino (Jan 2013- May 2014)

Ronald Koeman (Jun 2014-present)



RONALD KOEMAN

### CHERRIES MANAGERS SINCE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM

Mel Machin (Sep 1994- Aug 2000)

Sean O' Driscoll (Aug, 2000-Sep 2006)

Kevin Bond (Oct, 2006-Sep 2008)

Jimmy Quinn (Sep, 2008-Jan 2009)

Eddie Howe (Jan 2009-Jan 2011)

Lee Bradbury (Jan, 2011-Mar 2012)

Paul Groves (Mar 2012-Oct 2012)

Eddie Howe (Oct 2012 - present)



EDDIE HOWE

# POMPEY'S MANAGER

## SAINTS fans might think their club has had quite a few permanent managers since the turn of the Millennium.

And they would be right. After all, Ronald Koeman was – amazingly – the 15th permanent boss at the club when he was appointed last June.

He followed in the footsteps of Dave Jones – who was in charge for the first few weeks of the 21st century – Glenn Hoddle, Stuart Gray, Gordon Strachan, Paul Sturrock, Steve Wigley, Harry Redknapp, George Burley, Nigel Pearson, Jan Poortvliet, Mark Wotte, Alan Pardew, Nigel Adkins and Mauricio Pochettino.

Down the M27, though, Portsmouth have been doing their best to try and keep up with Saints' managerial revolving door saga.

This week's decision to sack Andy Awford left the club looking for their 14th permanent manager since the year 2000.

Awford was the League 2 Manager of the Month as recently as this February, but last weekend's 3-1 loss at Morecambe left the 2008 FA Cup winners marooned in mid-table mediocrity and facing the prospect of travelling to Eastleigh for a league game next season.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at Pompey's managerial merry-go-round since the turn of the new Millennium.

### Tony Pulis (Jan 2000-Oct 2000)

Pulis has enjoyed much success in the Premier League in recent years.

After taking Stoke into the top flight in 2008, he kept them there against the odds.

And he produced an impressive rescue act at Crystal Palace last term after taking over at a time when the Eagles were favourites for the drop.

But he wasn't particularly well liked during his short stay on the south coast.

Pulis was sweet-talked from Bristol City to replace ex-Saints boss Alan Ball, whose second spell as Pompey boss had ended with the sack in December 1999.

Pulis arrived at Fratton with Pompey in the Championship's drop zone.

He inspired a revival, winning seven of his first 13 games, but the club finished 18th after failing to win any of their last five games.

Pompey finished below Stockport County – a club who have sunk even further than they have in recent times – that season and only above Crewe and Grimsby on goal difference.

Pulis was unable to oversee much of an improvement in 2000/01 and he was sacked after just two wins in Pompey's first 11 league games.

### Steve Claridge (Oct 2000-Feb 2001)

The much-travelled striker had joined Pompey as a player in 1998, and was promoted to player-manager by Mandarin.

The move was a dismal failure, with Claridge only managing five wins in his 23 league and cup matches before he too was relieved of his duties.

Three of those victories came in his first three league games in charge, but he was axed as boss after just two more wins in his next 19 second tier matches.



HARRY REDKNAPP



TONY ADAMS

### Graham Rix (Feb 2001-March 2002)

Mandarin gambled again when he appointed former Arsenal and England star Rix as Pompey's third boss of the season.

After giving Claridge his first professional managerial role, he did likewise with a man whose only previous experience was a two-game caretaker spell with Chelsea in September 2000.

Rix won two of his first three games but then failed to win any of his next nine.

That left Pompey staring relegation in the face ahead of a last-day home clash with Barnsley.

Current Havant & Waterlooville boss Lee Bradbury was on target, though, as Pompey's 3-0 win helped them jump above Huddersfield to safety.

That was a rare bit of joy for Rix, however.

Pompey again struggled the following season, 2001/02, and he was sacked as

boss by Mandarin towards the end of March 2002 with the club 15th.

In his place Pompey appointed the man who had arrived at Fratton Park in the summer of 2001 as director of football.

### Harry Redknapp (March 2002-Nov 2004)

Redknapp's start to life in the Fratton hot-seat was not impressive.

He picked up only two points in his first five games as the club slipped to 17th at the end of the 2001/02 season.

From there, though, he began a total rebuilding of the Pompey squad that was to lead them to the Premier League within 12 remarkable months.

Hayden Foxe, Matthew Taylor, Richard Hughes, Arjan De Zeeuw, Shaka Hislop, Carl Robinson, Paul Merson and Gianluca Festa were all signed in the summer of 2002.

And they were followed by current Eastleigh striker Deon

Burton, Steve Stone and Tim Sherwood by the close of the first ever January transfer window in 2003.

Boosted by those high profile signings, Pompey romped to the title and a return to the top flight of English football for the first time since Ball led the club into the old First Division in the summer of 1987.

Ahead of Pompey's first Premier League campaign, Redknapp brought in another host of big names such as Patrik Berger, Teddy Sheringham and Vincent Pericard.

Despite all that experience, Pompey were still in the relega-

# TODAY'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE



# AL MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Awford sacking leaves Fratton Park side looking for 14th permanent boss since 2000



ANDY AWFORD



GRAHAM RIX

tion zone when Paul Sturrock brought his Saints side to Fratton Park on March 21 2004.

A Yakubu goal gave the hosts victory, though, and five more wins in their next ten games saw Pompey safe.

Saints exacted some revenge for their derby loss in November 2004 when Steve Wigley's men won 2-1 at St Mary's with goals from teenager Dexter Blackstock and Kevin Phillips.

That was to prove

Wigley's only win from 14 league games as Saints head coach, though.

In his place, sensationally, came Redknapp.

The latter had controversially resigned as Pompey boss a few weeks earlier after falling out with Mandaric following the appointment of Velimir Zajec as director of football.

Velimir Zajec (Nov 2004-April 2005)

To no-one's real shock, Zajec was appointed in Redknapp's place.

Yet Mandaric's latest gamble didn't work out either.

Zajec won just five of his 21 games in charge before his time was abruptly ended five months later.

Alain Perrin (April 2005-November 2005)

Another Mandaric gamble, given that the Frenchman had never managed in England before.

His previous job had ended with the

sack, at United Arab Emirates club Al-Ain.

It was another gamble that ended in failure, Perrin winning just four of his 21 games.

One of those was the 4-1 caning of Redknapp's Saints at Fratton Park just a few weeks after his appointment.

By the following November, though, he was out on his ear.

There was a sensational twist to follow ....

Harry Redknapp (December 2005-October 2008)

Yes, the return of Harry Redknapp.

After a miserable 12 months at St Mary's, where Redknapp had overseen Saints' relegation from the top flight, he was back at Fratton having made up with Mandaric.

The return didn't look like having a happy ending as Pompey were second bottom entering early March.

But, as like 2003/04, they enjoyed a

great finish to the campaign – winning six of the last ten games to stay up.

Redknapp failed to produce a Great Escape at Saints; yet he had now managed two in a row just down the M27.

Redknapp was to enjoy his greatest moment as a manager in May 2008 when his Pompey side won the FA Cup at Wembley.

But the following October he had resigned his role at the club for a second time, joining Tottenham.

Tony Adams (October 2008-February 2009)

Pompey's decision to promote the former England and Arsenal star from his coaching role at Fratton to manager was a dismal flop.

Pompey won just four of his 22 league and cup games, ensuring the managerial merry-go-round was rotating again four months later.

Paul Hart (February 2009-November 2009)

Hart lasted a bit longer than Adams' 22-game spell, but not much longer.

In all, the former Chesterfield, Nottingham Forest and Barnsley boss won just nine of his 30 league and cup games in charge of Pompey before he went the way as most of his predecessors.

Hart oversaw Pompey losing all of their first seven Premier League games of 2009/10, and he was on his way not long after.

Avram Grant (November 2009- May 2010)

Pompey were bottom of the top flight when he took over, and just two days into the job his side lost 4-1 at home to Manchester United.

Grant only won five of his 24 league matches in charge as Pompey ended in the same place as they were when he took over – in last place.

They would still have been 20th out of 20 even if they had not been deducted nine points by the Premier League for going into administration.

Against that sort of backdrop, it was some achievement for Grant to steer Pompey to the FA Cup final, where they lost 1-0 to Chelsea having missed a penalty when the score was still goalless.

Steve Cotterill (June 2010-Oct 2011)

Compared to most of his predecessors, Cotterill was a long-serving Pompey boss – spending over a year in one of the warmest hot-seats in British football.

He only left Fratton Park to take over as manager at Nottingham Forest, after Pompey had won just two of their first ten Championship games.

Michael Appleton (November 2011-November 2012)

Portsmouth gave Appleton his first professional management job, having only previously had a short spell as West Bromwich Albion's caretaker.

It was a baptism of fire, with Pompey deducted 10 more points for administration-related reasons not long after he had taken over.

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### POMPEY RESULTS 2014/15

#### AUGUST

9 Exeter City (A) .....D 1-1  
Wallace  
12 Peterborough (H) Lge Cup W 1-0  
Storey  
16 Cambridge United (H) ....W 2-1  
Taylor, OG  
19 Northampton Town (H) ....W 2-0  
Wallace, Westcarr  
23 Oxford United (A) .....W 1-0  
Westcarr  
27 Stoke City (A) League Cup) .L 0-3  
30 Newport County (H) .....L 0-1

#### SEPTEMBER

6 Burton Albion (A) .....L 0-2  
13 Southend United (A) .....L 0-2  
16 Dagenham & Red (H) ....W 3-0  
Dunne, Wallace, Barcham  
20 Wycombe Wanderers (H) ...D 1-1  
Ertl  
27 Hartlepool United (A) .....D 0-0

#### OCTOBER

4 York City (A) .....D 0-0  
7 Northampton (H) .....L 1-2  
Taylor  
11 Mansfield Town (H) .....D 1-1  
Robinson  
18 Bury A .....L 0-3  
21 Stevenage H .....W 3-2  
Wallace, Storey, Devera  
25 Shrewsbury Town A .....L 1-2  
Wallace

#### NOVEMBER

1 Carlisle United (H) .....W 3-0  
Westcarr, Storey, Hollands  
8 FA Cup 1st rd: Aldershot (H) .D 2-2  
Wallace, Hollands  
15 Plymouth Argyle A .....L 0-3  
19 FAC R1 replay: Aldershot A .L 0-1  
22 Morecambe (H) .....W 3-0  
Westcarr, Wallace (2)  
29 Tranmere Rovers (A) .....L 1-3  
Wallace

#### DECEMBER

13 Accrington Stanley (H) .....L 2-3  
Bean, Westcarr  
20 Cheltenham Town (A) .....D 1-1  
Atangana  
26 AFC Wimbledon (H) .....L 0-2  
28 Luton Town (A) .....D 1-1  
Taylor

#### JANUARY

10 Newport County (A) .....L 0-1  
17 Burton Albion (H) .....D 1-1  
Wallace  
24 Southend United (H) .....L 1-2  
Webster  
31 Wycombe Wanderers (A) ...D 0-0

#### FEBRUARY

7 Hartlepool United (H) .....W 1-0  
Tubbs  
10 Dagenham & R (A) .....D 0-0  
14 Exeter City (H) .....W 1-0  
Wallace  
21 Cambridge United (A) .....W 6-2  
Wallace, Tubbs 3, Robinson, Taylor  
24 Tranmere (H) .....W 3-2  
Westcarr, Taylor (2)  
28 Oxford United (H) .....D 0-0

#### MARCH

3 Northampton (A) .....L 0-1  
7 Accrington Stanley (A) .....D 1-1  
Taylor  
14 Luton Town (H) .....W 2-0  
Tubbs, Taylor  
17 Cheltenham Town (H) .....D 2-2  
Tubbs, Taylor  
21 AFC Wimbledon (A) .....L 0-1  
28 Shrewsbury Town (H) .....L 0-2

#### APRIL

4 Carlisle United (A) .....D 2-2  
Wallace, Tubbs  
6 Plymouth Argyle (H) .....W 2-1  
Wallace, Taylor  
11 Morecambe (A) .....L 1-3  
Chaplin  
14 Stevenage (A) .....L 0-1  
18 Bury .....L 0-1  
25 Mansfield Town .....(A)

#### MAY

2 York City .....(H)

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# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Brougham to leave Newport boss role

**STEVE Brougham** is stepping down as Newport IOW manager after four years at the St George's Park helm.

Brougham, who took over the reins from former boss Paul Sleep in 2011, feels he has taken the team as far as he can.

Having steered the Islanders from near the bottom of the Sydenhams Premier Division to a 13th-placed finish in 2011/12, 'Broughy' went on to establish them as a solid, top-bracket team.

Port finished sixth in 2012/13, fourth last season and are currently sitting eighth with three games to go.

Speaking on the club's official website ([www.newport-iwfc.com](http://www.newport-iwfc.com)), former Brading Town boss Brougham said: "It was an honour to manage the biggest football club on the Isle of Wight and to challenge myself at this level."

"Newport are a top club and I can leave happy with the progress we've made. We've built a great squad here."

"I would like to thank all the players in the team, they really have given their all. And I'd like to thank Simmo (secretary John Simpkins) and all others connected with the daily running of the football club as they've been great with me."

"As a manager, I feel that now is the right time to go. It's the end of the season and I feel I've taken the team as far as I can. I'm running on empty now and just need to go away and recharge the batteries."

"I've had a great time here and my fondest memory was probably our FA Vase run when we beat Brighouse Town. I'll never forget that cup run."

Brougham, who has so far overseen two Isle of Wight Senior Gold Cup wins during his St George's Park tenure, will remain in charge for what is left of the season.

Club directors will shortly be advertising the position with a view to filling it as soon as possible.

## There's Moore to come

BASINGSTOKE Town boss Jason Bristow has given his backing to goalkeeper Stuart Moore, predicting a bright future in the game for the Reading youngster.

The 20-year-old has been outstanding between the sticks for Town this season, producing a string of match-winning performances to help the north Hampshire club into the Vanarama Conference South play-offs.

And even though he was at fault for both goals in last Saturday's 2-1 loss at Sutton United, which all but wiped out any lingering title hopes, Bristow insisted: "I think Stuart is the best goalkeeper in the league and he's certainly the best we've had here for many years."

"He's got fantastic ability and has a big future ahead of him."

"If he doesn't feature for Reading next season, then he should be playing on loan somewhere in the Football League. He's that good."

Isle of Wight lad Moore comes from a goalkeeping dynasty.

His dad, Phil, was the backbone of the Road Sea Southampton side of the 1980s and also played for Fareham Town, while his older

brother, Simon, is at SkyBet Championship club Cardiff City and is rated as one of the best young talents in the English game.

The youngest Moore has played for Reading's under-18s and under-21s sides and has gained previous experience of men's football with Gloucester City, Bath City and Bashley.

Like any footballer, goalkeepers aren't perfect and Bristow said: "You are always going to get the odd mistake from any player and they are always highlighted if you are a goalkeeper."

"Stuart has made very few mistakes and has been fantastic all year, so nobody is pointing fingers at him in the dressing room."

"He was really disappointed on Saturday and that goes to show how much he cares. But once he reflects on what happened, he will learn from it and it will make him a better player."

Town went into today's Hampshire derby against fellow play-off contenders Havant & Waterlooville still hoping to clinch runners-up spot in the league.

Finishing second would be a big deal for the club. Not only would

it be their highest ever league position, beating the third place they managed in the Ryman Premier League 14 years ago but, more importantly, it would guarantee them home games in the second leg of the play-off semi-finals and, if successful, the final itself.

● Gosport Borough's play-off

dream all but fizzled out with a 2-1 home defeat by St Albans City last Saturday.

A poor first half left Alex Pike's men trailing 2-0 at the break to goals by Simon Thomas and Jo N'Guessan.

Ex-Saint Matt Paterson pulled one back on 77 minutes, but it was too little, too late.

# CITY FUTURE 'IN THE LAP OF THE GODS'

### DAVE Malone says Winchester City's future is "in the lap of the gods."

With the Sydenhams Premier title now safely in Petersfield Town's clutches, City must content themselves with second spot and wait and see if it's enough to get them promoted.

Having passed Level D ground grading – enough to take them all the way to the Southern Premier Division – City have no problems on that score.

But Petersfield, too, have been given the green light by the ground graders and it remains to be seen whether there is room for both the Wessex champions and the runners-up at Step 4 level.

"I don't anticipate them promoting two clubs from the Wessex League, but we've got Level D ground grading and you never know," said City's director of football Malone.

"It's all in the lap of the gods and

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we're staying philosophical about it.

"There's nothing we can do, we'll just take what's given to us."

"If we get the chance to go up, we'll take it. If not, we'll stay in the Wessex League and see what we can do next season."

"We know we can't influence anything and the FA will only do what they want to do."

Petersfield's title-winning success comes just a year after they lifted the Division One crown – a unique achievement in the Wessex League.

But, as Malone was quick to point out, Winchester did likewise in 2002/03 and 2003/04 when the Wessex had only one division, plus

a combination league.

"We won the Hampshire League Premier Division in 2003 when there wasn't a Wessex One and then we won the FA Vase, Wessex League and Wessex League Cup in 2004 – and the folly of it all was that we still didn't get promoted!" he said.

"We were told what ground grading we needed, we did it and they still didn't promote us."

"Like I say, no one knows what the FA will do."

Winchester's 3-0 win over Totton & Eling last Saturday made it 11 games league games unbeaten for Paul Masters' men in the Sydenhams Premier Division – ten of them victories.

That is title-winning form in anyone's book but, alas for the Citizens, it came too late to stop Ian Saunders' Petersfield claiming the crown.

Celebrations were in full swing at Love Lane on Saturday as a 58th-minute Lewis Hyde goal edged the Rams across the finish line with a 1-0 victory over Lymington Town, pushing them seven points clear of City with two games left to play.

"It's our own fault, we lost silly matches over the course of the year," Malone reflected.

"But congratulations to Petersfield, you can't knock their record. To only lose two games over the course of the season is an amazing achievement and they deserve to be champions."

"We've had a tremendous run, but we've still come up short of them which goes to show what a good season they've had. There's not much more we could have done."

"Our victory assures our place as runners-up, which is some consolation after our recent run of form."

"Now we must wait and see how the FA re-structure the leagues for next season."

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## ROBBO MYSTIFIED BY LACK OF INTEREST IN BLACKFIELD STAR

**AFTER more than half century in the game, John Robson knows a good footballer when he sees one.**

So the Blackfield & Langley boss finds it astounding that no one from higher up the pyramid has picked up on the Watersiders' exciting, young right-back Hugh Dathan.

At just 19 years of age, Dathan has been a virtual ever-present for the Gang Warily outfit this season in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

His rampaging, right-wing raids have never failed to catch Robson's eye but, much to the manager's surprise, there are no Southern League or Conference South clubs queuing for his services.

"Young Hugh is a very good prospect and I'm amazed sometimes that clubs don't look at our lads or players at this standard," said Robson.

"Hugh is well equipped to go up one level or even the level after that. His pace for a right-back is unbelievable. I've not seen anyone quicker – and that includes our young winger Danny Young.

"Hugh can pick the ball up in our half, beat four or five players and deliver into the 18-yard box.

"Invariably he doesn't end up shooting, but last Saturday (in a 4-1 home win over Whitchurch) he ran the full length of the field, got inside the box and got a shot away. It came back off the centre-half and he got his foot round it and put it into the bottom corner.

"When a right-back does that, you think 'how did that happen?', but young Hugh makes those sort of runs as regular as clockwork.

"Let's face it, good right-backs do not usually jump out and bite

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you. When people talk about players, they're usually looking at strikers, midfielders who score goals, centre-backs and goalkeepers.

"But I think Hugh is a very, very good player and definitely worth looking at. The kid has been outstanding for us.

"He's a good defender, tall and slim, but very fit and strong. He's a sensible boy too. I look at him and think to myself surely he's worth a look from Havant & Waterlooville, Basingstoke or even Eastleigh."

Asked where Dathan had appeared from, Robson said: "He just turned up!

"In fact it was only about four weeks ago that I found out he and (teammate) Jesse Gould come from Lymington.

"The two of them are always the first here and the last to leave so I'd always assumed they were local Blackfield lads."

Dathan's impressive 24th-minute goal against Whitchurch was sandwiched between two first-half strikes from Gould, who started in place of Dan Munday who had turned an ankle in the warm-up.

Basingstoke Town youngster McCauley Stubbs hit back for the Jam Boys before Ekow Elliott came off the bench to net Blackfield's fourth deep in stoppage time as the Watersiders leapfrogged their visitors into fifth spot.

"It looked a good result on paper and it was a good result," said Robson, whose side also had a penalty saved.

"For once, we got at Whitchurch straight away."



**PROSPECT:** Blackfield & Langley's Hugh Dathan, right.

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**Linnets muscled out PROMOTION-CHASING** Cowes Sports proved too much of a physical handful for New Milton Town in Sydenhams One last Saturday.

A brace from Jared Wetherick and a John McKie thunderbolt put the visitors three up before dual-registered Poole Town player Morgan Turner got one back at Fawcett's Field.

Linnets manager Callum Brooks said: "We were not great in the first half, but felt we were unfortunate to go in at the break two goals down.

"They (Cowes) were very pumped up and aggressive and we didn't quite get close enough to compete with them in midfield."

With Team Solent already crowned champions, Cowes are in a two-way battle with Tadley Calleva for second spot.

Danny Dolan's Tadley – away at Hythe & Dibden today (Saturday) – began the weekend two points clear of the Islanders with two games to play.

**Town's record haul** WIMBORNE Town have amassed their biggest ever Southern One South & West points tally.

With two games still to play, last Saturday's 2-1 home win over Swindon Supermarine took them to 58 points – three more than they have achieved in the past two seasons.

Luke Hopper's 69th-minute strike looked to have snared the spoils for the visitors, but two late goals swung it Wimborne's way.

Mark Gamble, pictured above, equalised with a spectacular overhead kick in the 86th minute and AFC Bournemouth scholar Luke Holmes won it at the death with a superb jinking run and finish.

The youngster cut inside Marine's Kyle Lapham and Ryan O'Hara before drilling the ball into the corner of Sam Warrell's goal.



## Robson's plan falling on deaf ears...



**JOHN ROBSON**

JOHN Robson is disappointed that his plan to discuss ways of improving football – on and off the pitch – has so far fallen on deaf ears.

The vastly experienced Blackfield & Langley manager has written to well over 20 Sydenhams League clubs offering to host a series of open forums to discuss the problems plaguing the modern game – and how to cure them.

But with more than a fortnight passed since his letters went out, Robson has yet to get a single reply.

"It's quite disappointing," he said.

"I hand-wrote the letters rather than printed them off, but I've not had one return yet.

"I recently attended a Southampton Referees' Association meeting at St Mary's and got superb feedback as guest speaker.

"There were 50 referees there and 12-14 young lads training to be referees.

"I told them I'd written to clubs in the Wessex League and they were brilliant about it. They called

it a crusade.

"I wanted to set up a meeting at every club inviting chairmen, managers, referees etc to come along and I was hoping that now would be a good time to organise it leading up to the end of the season.

"Referees are on a hiding to nothing these days and I wanted to talk about how we can change that. It's also a chance to ask club chairmen and directors how we can make things better for clubs on the financial side."

With 54 years of football behind him, including time travelling Europe with the Army and Combined Services teams, Robson has stocked up a wealth of knowledge with clubs like St Johnstone, Waterlooville, Worthing, Gosport, AFC Totton and Winchester City.

He cares so passionately about the game that he is willing to undertake this project off his own bat.

"I'm not looking to make any financial gain from it," he stressed. "I would finance it myself."

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**Ken's Poppies pledge**  
BOURNEMOUTH Poppies are secure for another season in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

But after celebrating safety with a 3-3 draw at Verwood Town last Saturday, manager Ken Vaughan pledged that a punishing 2014/15 campaign would not be repeated.

With 115 goals conceded in 38 games, Poppies have easily the most porous defence in the Wessex top flight and have been hit for six more times than they care to remember.

"It's been hard work this year," Vaughan, pictured, admitted.

"We won't let a season like this happen again."

Having been hovering just above the drop zone, Poppies were finally able to breathe easily following second-to-bottom Totton & Eling's 3-0 loss at Winchester City last weekend.

For their part, Vaughan's men battled back from 2-0 down at Verwood through Diane Bassiriki and Connor Doe. Declan Cleft restored the Potters' lead with his second of the game before Bournemouth's Fawzi Saadi equalised with a late free-kick.

Compared to Poppies' leaky back door, Verwood's haul of 76 goals against is modest by comparison.

But Potters boss Carl Poore insisted: "We have conceded too many goals this season and it's something we need to work on."

### Manager required

DREW Smith Southampton League Senior 1 champions AFC Gulf Western are looking to hire a new manager.

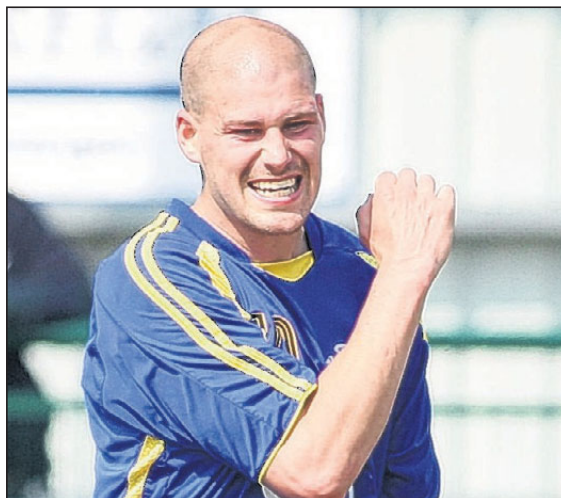
The club have been without a permanent manager all season, yet were able to pull-off the Saturday Senior title and promotion to the Premier Division.

They fulfilled their title credentials on Saturday when they beat third place Braishfield 2-1 and have dropped points on just three occasions this campaign.

Anybody interested in the role is asked to contact secretary Simon Mabey on [mabeysimon@googlemail.com](mailto:mabeysimon@googlemail.com).



## Burch steps down after second spell



DEPARTURE: Lee Burch is off to greener pastures

HYTHE & Dibden have a managerial/coaching vacancy to fill after Lee Burch's departure from Clayfields.

Player-boss Burch was in his second full season in charge after leading the Watersiders to an all-time high of fourth in Sydenhams One last term.

Chairman Dave Cox said: "Lee came to us last Saturday and said he was going."

"He's left for greener pastures and his coaches Dave (Rowland) and Jamie (Cotton) have gone with him."

"We wish Lee all the best in whatever he does in the future."

The good news for Hythe is that Burch's right-hand man and club secretary Scott Johnston is staying put. He now needs someone to work alongside him.

"We either need someone to coach while Scotty manages or we can have joint managers, I really don't mind," said Cox.

"Scott's our secretary, but if he can't do that while he's managing, the job's

there for someone else."

With all the turmoil of the move from Jones Lane to Clayfields, it's been a tough old season for Hythe.

But, having finally caught up on their fixtures, they went into their last two games – home to promotion-chasing Tadley Calleva today (Saturday) and home to Fleet Spurs next Saturday (April 25) – sitting a respectable seventh.

"This season's been hard work, it really has," said Cox. "But we've got the new fence going up round the ground next month and that's the last bit."

"The facilities are superb, we've got the best floodlights in the Wessex League."

"We're trying to get Fawley AFC down to play us in July and have a proper Waterside opening ceremony."

"For anyone coming in as manager, coach or secretary there's a lot to look forward to."

Anyone interested can call Cox on 07796 500531.

# STAY UP AND 'OLD BOYS' WILL STAY, RECKONS BOSS TIPP

**TOTTON & Eling are desperate to win their fight for Sydenhams Premier survival.**

Not only would they love to stay part of a division that could possibly contain the likes of Salisbury and Bashley next season, but it would inspire their 'old guard' to stay on.

Heading into today's penultimate game at home to Verwood Town, the Millers future was firmly in the balance, sitting four points adrift of third-to-bottom Christchurch and two clear of rock-bottom Fareham who have a game in hand.

Given that there have only been 21 teams in the league this season and that there is bound to be some to-ing and fro-ing with the Southern/Ryman League, T&E are hopeful that as long as they steer clear of bottom spot there will still be some hope of staying up – even if they don't catch Christchurch.

"How many times have we seen it in the Wessex League that they only relegate the bottom side?" said chairman/co-manager Andy Tipp.

"Christchurch are favourites to get out of it, but it's so important for us not to finish bottom."

"Obviously we've got to win our last two before we can even think about staying up, but the nice thing for us is that the players are excited about having something to play for."

"A lot of the old boys who have

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come back to help us out have said they would stay another season if we're still in the Premier Division.

"They enjoy playing this level of football and they're far more likely to stay on another year if we're still in this league."

"It could be a really good division next season if Bashley come down and Salisbury come in and that would be a big incentive for players to stay."

The Millers could have made life easier for themselves by gaining a positive result at Winchester City last Saturday, but there was to be no repeat of February's shock 1-0 victory over Paul Masters's men at Little Testwood Farm.

They were beaten 3-0 and Christchurch gave them an extra kick in the teeth by digging out a late equaliser at Hamworthy.

"We were gutted," admitted Tipp. "We'd been looking on Twitter for updates from the Christchurch game and we knew they were 1-0 down, so it was dire when they equalised."

"We weren't banking on beating Winchester but, that said, we genuinely went there thinking we could do it after we'd beaten them at our place. The 3-0 scoreline flattered them massively but, unfortunately for us, their finishing was better than ours on

the day."

Zach Glasspool gave Winchester an early lead before both sides were reduced to ten men after T&E's Connor Hoare and City's Micky Hubbard had been sent off.

"We played (ex-Saint) Jo Tessem at the back and he did really well," said Tipp. "Warren Bentley didn't get a sniff for 75 minutes, but then he had two chances and scored two goals. Until then, I thought the teams were very evenly matched."

Winchester's director of football Dave Malone would like to see T&E win their survival fight.

"They were half decent, hard to beat and hundreds better than some of the other sides down near the bottom," he said.

"It would be a shame to see them go down when they've had so much adversity to fight against."

"I admire Andy Tipp and Jo Tessem. They don't have to do it, do they?"

Although the Little Testwood Farm lease issue has still to be resolved, Tipp is certain senior football will continue there next season.

"We're having a meeting with Totton & Eling Town Council to clarify the position but there will be a senior men's team playing," he said. "There are two under-18 sides who will be going into men's football and the Totton & Eling youth side are passionate about keeping men's football going."



DEFENSIVE ROLE: Jo Tessem.

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## ST MARY'S SHOWDOWN HOLDS NO FEAR FOR SOLENT'S STARS

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**FOR most Southampton Senior Cup finalists, St Mary's Stadium represents the biggest stage of their playing career.**

But when Team Solent step out to face Hamble Club on Wednesday, April 29 (7.30pm), there will be two or three in their side who already feel at home in Premier League surroundings.

The Southampton Solent University team – newly-crowned champions of the Sydenhams League Division One – boast a number of former Premier League academy players who are now studying at Solent.

Thanks to an innovative partnership between a small number of UK universities and the Professional Footballers Association (PFA), Team Solent's squad is graced by the likes of Jesse Waller-Lassen, who learned his trade with Tottenham Hotspur, and Sam Byles, who developed through Arsenal's esteemed academy.

"Our experience at big grounds can only help us in the final," said Waller-Lassen.

"I think me and Sam, knowing the culture at professional clubs, try to raise the level. We make it a bit more of a competitive environment."

"We have both played at first-team stadiums in the FA Youth Cup – he's played at Highbury, I've played at White Hart Lane."

Former Fulham academy wing-back Glodi Nakanda also



boasts a good pedigree and Team Solent captain Chris Wateridge believes Team Solent's PFA contingent are key to the squad's success.

"In addition to their experience of playing at a professional level, their ability has definitely strengthened our squad this season," he said.

"For the rest of us, they inspire us to raise our game and

give that bit extra."

Following their Division One triumph, Team Solent will start next season playing Step 5 football in the Sydenhams Premier, the highest level a university-based team can reach under current FA regulations.

The largest sports club at Solent University, Team Solent has four teams, two of which compete in the BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) League Western Conference 2A.

**ALL SMILES:** Team Solent players celebrate the goal that won them the Sydenhams One title.



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## Traynor's happy Hammers on a roll

HAMWORTHY United boss Shane Traynor says "happiness is key" to his confident, new-look side.

The much-changed Hammers have accumulated an impressive 24 points from their last 13 Sydenhams Premier matches and are already targeting a top-eight finish next season.

"We're playing well at the moment and I put that down to the confidence we have in the players," Traynor explained.

"The lads we have promoted from the reserves know the system we like to play which makes the jump that bit easier for them."

"Happiness is key as well. You get the best out of players, particularly the young ones, when they are happy and if we can give them a positive vibe that often reflects on the pitch."

Traynor, who spent two-and-a-half years as a youth coach at AFC Bournemouth, was appointed Hamworthy's reserve team manager at the start of this season.

He landed the first-team job in mid-January, aged 36, having impressed in caretaker charge following the departure of Stewart Kearn.

Looking ahead to the 2015/16 campaign, Traynor said: "I want to try and keep together the nucleus of the side, there is no two ways about that. We are looking at the possibility of one or two additions but, in general, we feel the talent is there."

"If we could finish in or around the top eight, I would be happy."

"At the minute it is still a learning process with the players nailing down how we want to play. But hopefully we can carry forward some momentum."

Last Saturday the Hammers took an early lead against relegation-battling Christchurch, but had to content themselves with a 1-1 home draw.

Sam Carr, who was later stretchered off with a suspected broken ankle, fired in an opportunist opener which was cancelled out by a last-gasp Joe Wood leveller for Priory.

Hamworthy were not at their best, but Traynor said: "The positive thing was that we didn't lose the game and we highlighted that afterwards."

"If you're not playing well, making sure you get a point is the next best thing. The way we battled was encouraging."

## Dolphins' title charge back on track

POOLE Town got their Evo-Stik Southern Premier title charge back on track with a 2-0 home victory over strugglers Banbury United on Tuesday.

Tom Killick's troops ended a four-game winless run courtesy of a goal in each half from Tom Whelan and ex-Eastleigh and AFC Totton marksman Richard Gillespie.

Victory meant the promotion-hungry Dolphins moved to within one point of table-toppers Corby Town with a game in hand.

And, going into the penultimate weekend of the season today, the prospect of an effective final-day promotion play-off with the Steelmen at Tatnam next Saturday still loomed large.

Poole made an explosive start against the Puritans with Gillespie hitting the upright before Luke Burbridge set up Whelan to drill home on eight minutes.

The crucial second goal arrived nine minutes after the break with Burbridge again the creator. He embarked on a mazy run before playing in 'Mr Goals' Gillespie, who slotted calmly into the right corner.

Banbury rarely threatened and, when they did, substitute Nathaniel Lewars headed over in stoppage time.

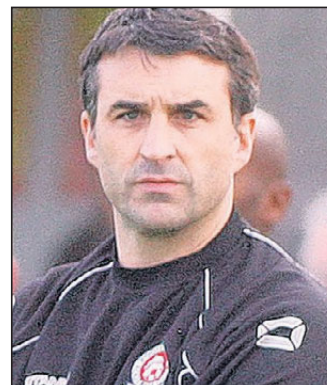
It was a much-needed result for Poole who had suffered three straight defeats to Chippenham, Dorchester and Cirencester

before getting a welcome point on the board last Saturday with a 2-2 draw against Hitchin.

Speaking ahead of the Banbury game, manager Killick admitted: "It's the worst run of results we've had for as long as I can remember and it's hard for me and the players to deal with."

"But there's no point sulking and feeling sorry for ourselves because we haven't really got time for that. There is still everything to play for."

"I know people don't want to hear this, but if we had lost the first three games of the season and then got ourselves in this position, everyone would say how well we'd done. You have got to look at the season as a whole."



**TOM KILLICK**

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### McManus hits out

**BROCKENHURST** boss Pat McManus has hit out at card-happy Sydenhams Wessex League referees, claiming they are "killing clubs" with needless bookings.

The joy of Wednesday's 4-2 win over Horndean, which ended a seven-match losing streak for the Badgers, was diluted by a raft of yellow cards dished out to both sides.

The game had barely started when the Deans had their first player booked and McManus fumed: "There must have been about nine yellow cards and not one should have been a booking, not one."

"I just don't think referees understand the ramifications of their actions."

"On Wednesday one of the Hondean lads has been booked in the first minute and it was never, ever a yellow card, in fact it was debatable whether it was even a foul."

"Everyone just looked at each other and thought: 'Really?'"

"It sets the tone for night. If he's going to book someone for that, where does he go from there? Players are frightened to death to go shoulder-to-shoulder or to clip someone because any little thing could get them booked."

"Referees are booking players for the most innocuous things and they don't understand that the majority of clubs can't afford to go through the disciplinary threshold."

"I'm not talking about bookings for dissent or misconduct, no manager condones that, but not every foul has to be a yellow card. Yet that's what referees are doing – especially the ones being assessed."

"I believe they've been watching too much Premier League, running round giving little thumbs up to their linesmen. It's ridiculous."

### Cup final details

**HAMPSHIRE FA** have released details for Sholing's Hampshire FA Senior Cup final against Gosport Borough on Tuesday May 5.

The game will be played at Fratton Park, home of Portsmouth FC, kick-off at 7.45pm.

Admission prices have been set at £10 for adults and £5 for under-16s and over-65s and tickets will be available on the gate.

Only the Frogmore Road entrance to Fratton Park will be open and there will be no car parking at the ground due to building works.

### PETERSFIELD Town's unexpected 2014/15 title success gives hope to all the little fish in the Sydenhams Premier Division pond.

That's the belief of Rams vice-chairman Graeme Moir who wants the league's less prominent clubs to be inspired by the fairytale achievement of the lads from Love Lane, *writes WENDY GEE*

When The Sports Pink asked managers their thoughts on potential champions last summer, a whopping 14 out of 21 tipped three-time league winners Winchester City for the title with the rest of the votes shared between Newport IOW, Blackfield & Langley and AFC Portchester.

Several felt Petersfield, fresh up as Sydenhams One champions, would make an impact as new kids on the block, but no one truly believed they had the strength in depth to claim back-to-back titles.

How wrong could they be!

Under the guidance of Army man Ian Saunders, the Rams have gone about their task with military precision, losing only two games en route to the Wessex crown.

"Hopefully this has enlivened the Wessex League a bit," said Moir.

"Everyone thought Winchester would walk it, but I'd like to think we've given all the other clubs hope and they'll be thinking: 'If they can do it, so can we.'"

"A lot of what we've achieved has been built on pure belief."

"We've not come out and made big claims about being champions elect and we've sent no messages out there that could have come back to bite us on the backside."

"I hope other clubs will look at us and think that if you can get the right team off the pitch and the right players on it, anything is possible."

With Step 4 ground grading in the bag, Petersfield must wait until next month to discover what league they will be allocated to.

There has been talk about them favouring the Isthmian (Ryman) route that their predecessors Petersfield United took in the 1980s/90s.

But Moir said: "I don't think we really mind whether it's Southern League or Isthmian. We're just happy to be there."

"John Ward from the FA spoke at a Wessex League meeting and wouldn't be drawn on where teams are going, but he said there could be a lot of lateral movement."

"As a club, we've moved very quickly and we've got a lot of work to do now to establish ourselves at the next level."

## LITTLE FISH,



**UNEXPECTED SUCCESS:** Petersfield Town celebrate their Sydenhams Premier Division title win.

"With the number of volunteers we've got at the moment we're stretched everywhere and when you go to places like Havant and see all the people they've got working behind the scenes you think that's what we

need to take the club forward."

Petersfield's new-found Wessex fame can only help in that respect.

"The reputation of the club has grown this season and people have come back who haven't been around

since we were a 1990s Isthmian club," said Moir.

"We've been swamped with messages of goodwill and it's up to us now to garner that support and use it to set ourselves up as a Step 4 club."

## Full impact of achievement sinks in

IT WAS only when the celebrations had died down and he had a quiet moment to reflect in the Love Lane clubhouse that the full impact of Petersfield Town's achievement hit home to Graeme Moir.

The Rams vice-chairman had the Sydenhams Premier championship trophy for company and it was while perusing the list of previous winners that he realised what prestigious footsteps Town had followed in.

"To get here from we've come from, mid-table in Division One, is just incredible," he said.

"I sat in the bar afterwards and was looking at the list of winners on the base of the trophy and that's when it sunk in."

"You look at names like Eastleigh and Havant and think 'Crikey, these clubs were exactly where we are now ten or 15 years ago.'"

"We're not running away with ourselves because it's when we've played clubs from a couple of leagues higher like Farnborough in the Hampshire Senior Cup, Gosport in the Russell Cotes Cup and Havant the other night

in the Portsmouth Senior Cup, that we've come unstuck and you can tell the gap in quality. We've competed with them, but one mistake costs you."

"But it's been an amazing couple of seasons at Petersfield. Looking through the records, we're the first club to win back-to-back Wessex One and Premier Division titles."

"I work for the local paper here (editor of The Petersfield Post) and I was thinking to myself 'how on earth do I put this into words?'"

Petersfield put up a good fight for the

Portsmouth Senior Cup at Westleigh Park on Monday, but were beaten 4-2 by their Conference South neighbours.

Trailing to first-half goals from JJ Hooper and Jake Gayle, they fought back to 2-2 through Andy Todd and Mike McEnery only for the young Hawks to strike again courtesy of Liam Kimber and Gayle.

The Rams have another chance of silverware on Monday, May 4, when they face local rivals AFC Portchester in the Sydenhams League Cup final at Wicor Rec (3pm).



# Non-league Football

## BIG VICTORY!



**LIFTING THE CUP:**  
Captain Alex Ward and  
Warren Hunt celebrate

## Attention to detail holds key

AS AN Army man, Petersfield Town boss Ian Saunders (pictured) has discipline and organisation coursing through his veins.

And it's his unwavering attention to detail that vice-chairman Graeme Moir believes holds the key to the Love Lane outfit's 2014/15 Sydenhams Premier title success.

"Ian is a hard task master, but not in a nasty way," said Moir.

"He pays attention to every detail – even little things like folding the kit accurately – and you get a terrible look if you don't turn up on time!"

"I used to pick players up and give them lifts, but I've got a reputation for being late, so he won't let me do it anymore," he smiled.

Since joining the Rams in May 2012 Saunders, 39, has been credited with changing the whole philosophy of the club – and his methods certainly seem to work.

Last season Petersfield were promoted as Division One champions and finished runners-up to Alresford in the Sydenhams League Cup.

This term, they have shown a clean pair of heels to the entire Wessex top flight and have a chance of doing the double when they face AFC Portchester in the League Cup final next month.

Reflecting on Saunders's Midas touch, Moir said: "On and off the field he is instrumental in everything and, coming from a military background, he has brought a whole new discipline to Petersfield.

"All the way through the club now there is a 'can do' attitude. There were things we'd done in a certain way for decades and Ian's come in and said 'why can't we do it this way instead?'."



"There's nothing you can beat him on (knowledge-wise) either.

"You could ask him 'have you heard of such and such a player' and he's already ten steps ahead of you."

"He knows everything and everyone and can tell you every player's background, what position they play, what clubs they've been at, etc."

"He's a good coach and good tactician and has the certificates and badges, and I believe it's his attention to detail and, if you like, military precision that has got us where we are."

In his younger days Saunders turned out for the likes of Tiverton Town, Liskeard Athletic, Fleet Town, Brockenhurst, Chichester City, Wick and East Preston. But, throughout, his playing days he also helped out on the coaching/managerial side. He helped Liskeard to the semi-finals of the FA Vase and, just prior to joining Petersfield, was player/assistant manager at Midhurst & Eastbourne in the Sussex County League.

## What they said on Twitter...

■ **Petersfield Town FC – Lost for words at Rams central. Unbelievable. Thank you for all the great comments. If we can do it so can you guys – just believe #rams**

■ **East Cowes Vics FC – Congratulations to @PTFCTheRams and to Mark Nicoll who has been there through the good and bad times. #top man**

■ **Steve Hollick – @PTFCTheRams @BigSus1975 congratulations on winning the Wessex League today**

■ **Jeremy Fox – @PTFCTheRams delighted for you!!! Congrats to everyone, such an amazing achievement for a deserving club.**

■ **Shaun Wilkinson – Congratulations – the league table never lies – much deserved! #Champions**

■ **Ross Dyer – Congrats to @PTFCTheRams & great to see my old @afcbournemouth mate, James Ford. Well done Fordy!**

■ **Tadley Calleva FC – Congratulations @PTFCTheRams on winning the Wessex Premier League today. Tremendous achievement to win back to back**

titles. #respect

■ **Mark Bartlett – @PTFCTheRams congratulations from all at Hamworthy United FC on a great season.**

■ **Moneys FC – congrats. Well deserved. Best wishes for next season.**

■ **AFC Portchester – @PTFCTheRams congratulations**

■ **Fleetlands FC – Congratulations @PTFCTheRams. Well done. Well deserved. #LocalFootball**

■ **Hamble Club FC – Congratulations to @PTFCTheRams on winning the league.**

■ **Andover Town FC – Congratulations from Andover Town, good luck in the S&W next season.**

■ **Christchurch FC – Everyone at CFC wish @PTFCTheRams a very well deserved congratulations! We shall see you next week!**

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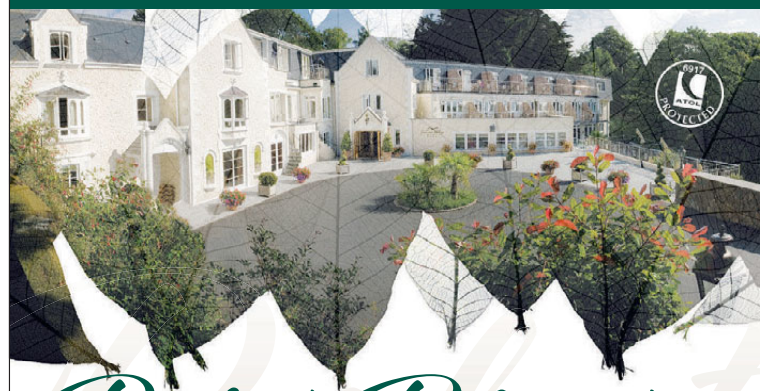
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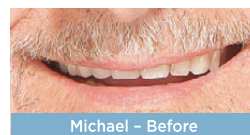
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As a result, they were relegated to the third tier of English football – for the first time since 1983 – at the end of the 2011/12 season.

Pompey would have stayed up had they not had the ten points deducted.

Appleton left to take over at Championship club Blackpool in November 2012, after winning just five of his first 16 League 1 games that season.

**Guy Whittingham (November 2012–November 2013)**

Former Fratton Park strike star Whittingham was a popular appointment to replace Appleton, even though he had no real professional management experience.



Again, he endured a baptism of fire.

Not only did Pompey have 10 points deducted for a second season running due to administration-related difficulties, Whittingham lost 12 of his first 15 League 1 games.

In fact, he didn't win any of his first 19 matches, as Pompey suffered a third relegation in four nightmare seasons to slide into the fourth tier for the first time since 1980.

Whittingham was sacked in November 2013 after Pompey had won just five of their first 16 League 2 games of the season.

**Andy Awford (March 2013–April 2014)**

Awford was, like Whittingham, well known to the Fratton Park faithful, having played over 300 games for the club between 1989–2000 before having to retire due to a knee injury.

He was appointed caretaker manager on March 27 2013, two days after a miserable 3-0 loss at Rochdale had left Pompey third bottom of the Football League.

The club had sunk to within a place of the fourth tier relegation zone less than four years after dropping out of the Premier League.

It was the lowest the club had found themselves since the second game of the 1978/79 season, when two straight losses had seen them fall to 23rd.



The dismal loss at Rochdale had extended Pompey's run to only five wins in their previous 26 League 2 games – three of which (two draws and a loss) had been under Awford's first caretaker stint.

Remarkably, though, Pompey reeled off five successive victories in Awford's first five games back in charge – three of them away from Fratton.

He ended with a seven-game unbeaten run – a 4-4 draw at Bury followed by a 3-3 home draw with Plymouth, the latter featuring a Danny Hollands hat-trick – as Pompey finished 13th.

Unsurprisingly, given the impressive finish to the season, Awford was quickly appointed Pompey's 13th different permanent manager of the 21st century.

Hopes were high that Pompey would sustain a promotion challenge this term, but it never happened.

And last weekend's loss at Morecambe was the final straw for the board.

# Horse Racing



## NO PREP PLANS FOR MALABAR

**MICK Channon is happy to let Malabar head straight to the Qipco 1000 Guineas without the aid of a prep run.**

The Raven's Pass filly kept some top company last season, finishing a close fourth in the Moyglare Stud Stakes behind Cursory Glance and filling the same spot in the Prix Marcel Boussac.

A Group Three winner already,

Channon feels his group of fillies are much further forward than they have been in the past, hence he does not feel the need to run in one of the trials.

"She'll go straight to the Guineas," said ex-Saints star Channon, pictured above.

"She could be a mile-and-a-quarter filly, she's in the French (Oaks), she's in everything.

"All options are open with her really.

"She's done very well over the winter and I think she's quite forward – all the fillies are. We've had a pretty good run, lots of sun has helped, even though it's been cold.

"I think they are as forward as I've ever known them at West Ilsley. Dick Hern always used to say to me 'you'll be three weeks behind everyone else' and I didn't believe him when I first went there, but over the last 15 years I've realised he was right."

## Newmarket is the target for Secret

DAVID Barron hopes to run Pearl Secret in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket's Guineas meeting.

The speedy six-year-old only managed one win last season in the Beverley Bullet but he was only narrowly beaten in the Temple Stakes and was not beaten far in the Haydock Sprint Cup.

However, the caveat as always for the Qatar Racing-owned chestnut will be the need for some cut in the ground.

"He'll have an entry in the Palace House," Barron said.

"We'll just have to hope for some decent ground to be able to run him.

"I don't think he actually needs it very soft and if it's reasonably OK we'd like to run.

"We just have to take him as he is, but he's a very good horse on his day."

## Harrington fined at Tipperary

JESSICA Harrington was fined 1,000 euros and jockey Mark Bolger suspended for seven days after the running and riding of High Tail II in the Tipperary Races Supporters Club Maiden Hurdle.

Sent off at 14-1, the four-year-old raced towards the rear in the early stages before making late progress to be beaten four and three-quarter lengths in second behind the winner Volsey's Bay.

The stewards heard evidence from Bolger and Harrington, who expressed her satisfaction with the ride on the horse's first run, stating he is a chaser in the making who will benefit from a step up in trip in time, as well as the on-course veterinary officer, who concluded High Tail II was post-race normal.

Having heard the evidence and studied film of the race, the officials concluded that both trainer and jockey were in breach of Rule 212, with the JP McManus-owned horse also banned from running for 42 days.

## PONTEFRAC

Going: Good-Good to Firm in places

### 2.10 RACING UK PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £3,234.

1	BLACK MAGIC (IRE) R Fahy 9 0	T Hamilton 1
2	RACING VENTURE (IRE) J Quinn 9 0	P Makin 2
3	TAWAKKOL (16) (BF) M Johnston 9 0	P Hanagan 5
4	CALPURNIA Mrs S Watt 8 9	Phil Dennis 7 3
5	FOUR'S COMPANY (IRE) T Dascombe 8 9	R Kingscote 4

BETTING: 11-8 Tawakkol, 9-4 Black Magic, 9-2 Four's Company, 6-1 Racing Venture, 20-1 Calpurnia.

### 2.45 DEM WINDOW SOLUTIONS HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £10,000 added 4YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £6,469.

1	52504-KIWI BAY (163) (CD) M Dods 10 9 7	P Mulrennan 8
2	1-WISTAR (321) (D) L Cumani 4 9 6	A Kirby 3
3	04000-UNCLE DERMOT (IRE) (163) (D) B Powell 7 9 6	Jenny Powell 5 12
4	1005-GUNNER LINDLEY (IRE) (377) (D) W Colthard 8 9 6	D Fentiman 10
5	12401-EXPRESS HIMSELF (IRE) (201) (D) E McMahon 4 9 5	P Hanagan 6
6	0460-5-DUBAI DYNAMO (22) (D) Mrs R Carr 10 9 5	P McDonald 14
7	000-02-DUBAI HILLS (7) (D) D O'Meara 9 9 4	D Tudhope 13
8	254-65-ARROWZONE (18) (D) G Moss 4 9 3	A Mullen 9
9	30216-THE CHARACTER (IRE) (194) T Dascombe 4 9 2	R Kingscote 5
10	21500-SOPHISTICATED HEIR (IRE) (163) D O'Meara 5 9 2	D Nolan 2
11	46456-HATS AWAY (IRE) (220) C Brittain 4 9 2	S Sanders 4
12	1354-CAPE WRATH (333) M Hammond 4 9 1	G Lee 7
13	20114-LORD FRANKLIN (182) (D) E Alston 6 9 0	J Hart 11
14	2302-0-DEBIT (14) B Ellison 4 8 9	T Eaves 1

BETTING: 7-2 Wistar, 11-2 Express Himself, Dubai Hills, 7-1 Kiwi Bay, 10-1 Gunner Lindley, Dubai Dynamo, 12-1 The Character, Arrowzone, 14-1 others.

### 3.20 RIU PALACE MELONERAS HANDICAP (CLASS 2). £20,000 added 4YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £12,450.

1	00006-MASS RALLY (IRE) (178) (D) M Dods 8 9 7	P Mulrennan 6
2	00010-OUT DO (131) (D) D O'Meara 6 9 7	D Tudhope 9
3	05-400-GO FAR (44) (D) A Bailey 5 9 6	J Fanning 10
4	00020-SUPPLICANT (191) (D) R Fahy 4 9 4	P Hanagan 2
5	55206-NO LEAF CLOVER (IRE) (254) (D) O Pears 4 8 13	A Mullen 3
6	2255-4-LEXINGTON ABBEY (22) (D) K Ryan 4 8 13	P Spencer 8
7	30401-SUNRAIDER (IRE) (207) (D) P Midgley 8 8 12	G Lee 5
8	62005-FREE CODE (IRE) (217) (D) T D Barron 4 8 11	G Gibbons 11
9	000-00-BARKSTON ASH (8) (D10) E Alston 7 8 11	J Hart 7
10	3-5206-MONEY TEAM (IRE) (33) T D Barron 4 8 9	D Allan 4
11	0-0404-YEEOW (IRE) (23) (D) K Burke 6 8 7	J Haynes 3 1

BETTING: 7-2 Lexington Abbey, 6-1 Yeeow, 7-1 Mass Rally, Suppliant, Sunraider, 8-1 Out Do, No Leaf Clover, 12-1 Free Code, Go Far, Money Team, 25-1 Barkston Ash.

### 3.50 PONTEFRAC MARATHON HANDICAP (ROUND 2 OF THE PONTEFRAC STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015) (CLASS 5). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value £3,881.

1	0015-0-RIPTIDE (13) (CJBF) M Scudamore 9 9 12	W Twiston-Davies 6
2	00002-TUSCAN GOLD (13) M Hammond 8 9 10	P Mulrennan 5
3	0501-3-MADAM LILIBET (IRE) (13) (C) Mrs S Watt 6 9 7	J Haynes 3 7
4	0150-0-POINT THE TOES (IRE) (J8) Mark Fahy (IRE) 10 9 6	J P Spencer 4
5	330-45-CHEVALGRIS (12) G Swinbank 5 9 3	S Gray 3 2
6	001-1-SURPRISE VENDOR (IRE) (13) (C) W Colthard 9 9 2	J Hart 1
7	2610-4-STICKLEBACK (13) M Hammond 6 8 7	P McDonald 8
8	04-262-SALFORD DREAM (14) Miss P Robson 6 8 7	G Lee 3

BETTING: 3-1 Surprise Vendor, 4-1 Tuscan Gold, 5-1 Salford Dream, 6-1 Chevalgris, Madam Lilibet, 7-1 Stickleback, 10-1 Riptide, 20-1 Point The Toes.

### 4.20 WATCH RACING UK ANYWHERE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5). £6,000 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £3,881.

1	2-BEARDWOOD (163) R Fahy 3 9 3	T Hamilton 9
2	2-DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT (IRE) (25) T Dascombe 3 9 3	R Kingscote 11
3	60-EQUULEUS (179) J Gask 3 9 3	8
4	0-GEOLGY (251) K Ryan 3 9 3	S Gray 5 10
5	0-MARASIM (13) R Varian 3 9 3	J Mitchell 7
6	00-ROCKMOUNT (186) E McMahon 3 9 3	G Gibbons 3
7	0-6-STORYTALE (23) M Bell 3 9 3	P Spencer 6
8	2-TADARROK (13) M Johnston 3 9 3	P Hanagan 5
9	0-MISS RUBY ROYALE (195) P Midgley 3 8 12	G Lee 4
10	20-PACO'S SUNSHINE (IRE) (218) B Ellison 3 8 12	J Hart 2
11	60-3-TAFFETTA (13) T Coyle 3 8 12	B McHugh 1

BETTING: 11-4 Beardwood, 4-1 Taffetta, Paco's Sunshine, 9-2 Dawn's Early Light, 8-1 Tadarrok, 12-1 Marasim, 20-1 Storytale, Equileus, 50-1 others.

### 4.50 80'S NIGHT ON FRIDAY 22ND MAY HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £3,881.

1	10064-SLEEPING APACHE (IRE) (173) M Dods 5 9 7	P Mulrennan 8
2	22312-MARGRETS GIFT (193) (D)BF T Easterby 4 9 7	D Allan 10
3	460-30-MONSIEUR JAMIE (60) (D) J R Jenkins 7 9 4	A Kirby 11
4	14616-WHERE THE BOYS ARE (IRE) (215) (D) E McMahon 4 9 4	P Hanagan 6
5	10230-CHOC'A'MOCA (IRE) (208) (D) P Midgley 8 8 13	G Lee 3
6	554236-PABUSAR (11) (BF) Heather Dalton 7 8 12	Shirley Teasdale 5 2
7	00000-LORIMER'S LOT (IRE) (188) (D) M Walford 4 8 11	D Fentiman 4
8	000-23-DREAM ALLY (IRE) (24) (BF) J Wymes 5 8 11	P Spencer 5
9	2210-0-BEAUTY'S FORTE (IRE) (12) D Carroll 4 8 9	J Fanning 9
10	4500-0-WALK RIGHT BACK (IRE) (12) M Hammond 4 8 7	P McDonald 6
11	0000-0-FATHOM FIVE (IRE) (12) (D8) S A Harris 11 8 7	7

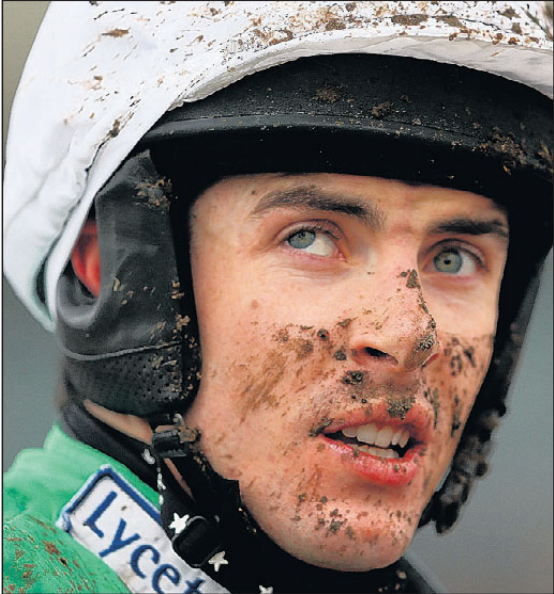
BETTING: 9-4 Dream Ally, 10-3 Margrets Gift, 9-2 Sleeping Apache, 13-2 Pabusar, 8-1 Where The Boys Are, 11-1 Choc'a'moca, 25-1 Walk Right Back, Monsieur Jamie, Beauty's Forte, 50-1 others.





# Horse Racing

# RUSH IN FOR RUSSBOROUGH



**FAVOURITE:** Aidan Coleman saddles Russborough in the 3pm at Stratford.

**RUSSBOROUGH finally got off the mark for Venetia Williams last month and now his confidence is riding high, he can make it a quick-fire double in the Bet totequadpot Handicap Chase at Stratford.**

Trained in France in the early days of his career, Russborough made his first start for Williams last March, graduating from a couple of hurdles outings to the switch up to fences this term.

He initially showed some promise in a couple of runs at Catterick, finishing third and second, but the wheels then came off as he was pulled up on his next two starts, although he had valid excuses on both occasions.

Williams was not deterred and her persistence paid off as Russborough put all the pieces together to run out a length-and-a-quarter winner at Exeter, turning in a competent round of jumping to spring a minor surprise.

The handicapper has raised him 3lb for that success which could prove generous given the runner-up has subsequently won a race himself.

Moorlands George did not enjoy the best of fortune last time but perhaps his moment can come in the totepool Racing's Biggest Supporter Handicap Chase.

Eight starts under Rules have yielded little joy for Jeremy Scott's charge but he certainly appears to show more promise over fences than hurdles, as evidenced by his recent third at Exeter.

His jumping improved as the race went on that day, despite getting a bit of a bump at one stage, and he narrowly failed to hold on to second, going down by just under two lengths.

Moorlands George can be rated marginally better than that effort, though, as he lost a couple of shoes in running and can be on the premises again here.

Whatdoesthefoxsay is the pick in the Bet toteexacta Mares' Handicap Hurdle as she tries to continue her admirable record.

Donald McCain's charge has been ultra consistent during her career, not finishing out of the first two in each of her seven starts, totalling three wins.

McCain kept her busy throughout last summer and then gave her a bit of a break in the deep winter months, with a couple of runs in February and March yielding second places.

She has shown her best on quicker ground, so the recent spell of decent weather puts Whatdoesthefoxsay right in the frame.

Sir Valentino came to grief last time

out but can make amends in the Bathwick Tyres Handicap Chase at Wincanton.

He appeared to have finally found his stride when winning at Ludlow in January but that high was shortlived as he came unstuck at Musselburgh on his very next start.

Racing off a 6lb higher mark, he seemed to still be in with every chance when he failed to take off at all four fences from home and suffered a heavy tumble.

Off the track since then, Sir Valentino has clearly taken some time to get over that tumble but trainer Tom George's patience can be rewarded with a winning return.

## SELECTIONS:

**CURRAGH :** 2.20 Hoppala, 2.50 Fairy Flute, 3.20 Elusive In Paris, 3.50 Due Diligence, 4.20 On Location, 4.50 Papa's Way, 5.20 Morning Mix.  
**STRATFORD:** 2.00 Guard Of Honour, 2.30 Artifice Sivola, 3.00 RUSSBOROUGH (NAP), 3.30 Moorlands George, 4.00 Whatdoesthefoxsay, 4.30 Parkam Jack, 5.00 Catwalk Babe.  
**WINCANTON:** 2.10 Nellies Quest, 2.40 Frozen Over, 3.10 Sir Valentino, 3.40 Dardanella, 4.10 Captain Probud, 4.40 Ethelred, 5.10 Preseli Star, **DOUBLE:** Russborough and Moorlands George.

STRATFORD

Sunday's runners

Going: Good-Good to Firm in places

## 2.00 BET TOTEPLACEPOT NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,899.

101	66-113	OLD PRIDE (IRE) (20) (D) A McCabe 7 11 12	N De Boinville
102	040221	POKER SCHOOL (IRE) (20) (D) J Williams 5 11 11	Will Kennedy
103	520453	DESERT RECLUSE (IRE) (30) (CD) Henry Oliver 6 11 11	J M Davies
104	012206	CUT THE CORNER (IRE) (20) Dr R Newland 7 10 13	C Ward (5)
105	3R23	GUARD OF HONOUR (IRE) (158) Miss R Curtis 4 10 12C	Brassil (10)
106	440	NEW TARABELA (41) A Carroll 4 10 9	L Edwards
107	000	SMIRFY'S SILVER (49) M Mullineux 11 10 2	B Poste (3)

**BETTING:** 5-2 Desert Recluse, 3-1 Poker School, 7-2 Old Pride, 4-1 Guard Of Honour, 8-1 Cut The Corner, 20-1 New Tarabela, 33-1 Smirfy's Silver.

## 2.30 FOLLOW TOTEPPOOL ON TWITTER NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £7,000 added 5YO PLUS 2m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £4,549.

201	130-14	PLAN AGAIN (IRE) (22) (D) D McCain 8 11 8	H Brooke
202	600204	LUDDSDENENE (IRE) (20) (D) A Dunn 10 11 6	R Flint
203	12135U	NO LUKEY (IRE) (31) T Hobbs 8 11 6	T J O'Brien
204	3P2411	ARTIFICE SIVOLA (IRE) (20) Mrs L Wadham 5 11 2	L Aspell
205	20F25	ROCKMOUNT RIVER (IRE) (234) D Bridgwater 6 10 12T	Scudamore
206	F33061	NARCISSIST (IRE) (46) M W Easterby 6 10 10	D O'Regan

**BETTING:** 5-2 Desert Recluse, 3-1 Poker School, 7-2 Old Pride, 4-1 Guard Of Honour, 8-1 Cut The Corner, 20-1 New Tarabela, 33-1 Smirfy's Silver.

**BETTING:** 15-8 Artifice Sivola, 10-3 No Lukey, 4-1 Plan Again, 6-1 Narcissist, 13-2 Rockmount River, 12-1 Luddsdene.

## 3.00 BET TOTEQUADPOT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 3). £12,000 added 5YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value £7,596.

301	1-PPFP	ONE TERM (IRE) (29) (C/D) Miss R Curtis 8 11 12	L Aspell
302	33221P	LYSINO (GER) (149) Dr R Newland 6 11 11	Will Kennedy
303	4P02PF	FRECKLE FACE (29) (D) W G Turner 8 11 4	M Quinlan
304	3-32P1	RUSSBOROUGH (FR) (19) (D) Miss V Williams 6 11 4	A Coleman
305	41340U	SEDGEMOOR EXPRESS (IRE) (193) (D) L Hawke 7 11 3	T Scudamore
306	22-563	SONOFAGUN (FR) (29) (C/D) J Williams 9 11 1	R Johnson
307	-U0546	RIO DE SIVOLA (FR) (29) N Williams 6 10 7	D Jacob
308	01134P	WEST OF THE EDGE (IRE) (7) D L Williams 7 10 0	D Crosse

**BETTING:** 5-2 Russborough, 10-3 Sedgemoor Express, 5-1 Lysino, 8-1 One Term, Freckle Face, Rio De Sivola, 10-1 Sonofagun, 16-1 West Of The Edge.

## 3.30 TOTEPPOOL RACING'S BIGGEST SUPPORTER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 5). £7,000 added 5YO PLUS 3m 4f Penalty Value £4,549.

401	-46512	COSWAY SPIRIT (IRE) (13) (BF) B Pauling 8 11 12	D Bass
402	023144	DONAPOLLO (28) J Williams 7 11 11	Will Kennedy
403	4P42PP	SPANISH ARCH (IRE) (22) M Keighley 8 11 11	T Bellamy (3)
404	3243P1	MILLY MALONE (IRE) (17) Adrian Wintle 9 11 9	A Coleman
405	326431	SIR LYNX (IRE) (28) C Beasley 8 11 5	T Messenger
406	P23523	THE LAST BRIDGE (32) Mrs S Johnson 8 11 3	R Johnson

**BETTING:** 5-2 Russborough, 10-3 Sedgemoor Express, 5-1 Lysino, 8-1 One Term, Freckle Face, Rio De Sivola, 10-1 Sonofagun, 16-1 West Of The Edge.

407	1243P0	PETIT ECUYER (FR) (7) D L Williams 9 11 2	D Crosse
408	-PP032	MUSICAL WEDGE (29) Miss C Dyson 11 11 0	J Whelan
409	0-4033	MOORLANDS GEORGE (33) J Scott 7 10 6	J M Davies
410	563564	ORANGER (FR) (18) (C) Andrew Martin 13 10 4	B Poste (3)
411	-0P544	WING MIRA (IRE) (20) Miss V Williams 7 10 0	L Treadwell

**BETTING:** 4-1 Cosway Spirit, 9-2 Milly Malone, 11-2 Sir Lynx, 7-1 Musical Wedge, 8-1 The Last Bridge, Donapallo, Spanish Arch, 10-1 Moorlands George, 14-1 others.

## 4.00 BET TOTEEXACTA MARES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 3f Penalty Value £3,899.

501	634131	BON CHIC (IRE) (26) D Skelton 6 11 12	H Skelton
502	41-522	WESTERN DIVA (IRE) (306) (D) D Pipe 6 11 10	T Scudamore
503	221122	WHATDOESTHEFOXSAY (IRE) (28) D McCain 6 11 10	J Cowley (7)
504	-54104	HAETERINA (37) M Usher 5 11 2	D Crosse
505	0F4341	ALTESSE DE GUYE (FR) (19) M Keighley 5 11 1	R Johnson
506	026F61	OGARITMO (13) A Hales 6 10 8	J Banks (3)
507	-40600	ALL RILED UP (22) H Chisman 7 10 0	L Treadwell

**BETTING:** 5-2 Western Diva, 11-4 Bon Chic, 4-1 Whatdoesthefoxsay, 5-1 Altesse De Guye, 7-1 Ogartimo, 10-1 Haeterina, 66-1 All Riled Up.

## 4.30 TOTEPPOOLLIVEINFO.COM HUNTERS' CHASE (FOR THE JOHN AND NIGEL THORNE MEMORIAL CUP) (CLASS 6). £3,000 added 6YO PLUS 2m 7f Penalty Value £1,872.

601	U0P410	BERMUDA BOY (FR) (31) S Flook 10 12 4	Miss Jodie Hughes (5)
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602	1-21P3	NO LOOSE CHANGE (IRE) (21) (D)(BF) Mrs K Smyly 10 12 0	Mr D Maxwell (5)
603	-PP421	TUGBOAT (IRE) (17) G Slade-Jones 7 12 0	Mr J Nixon (7)
604	-02534	GALE FORCE OSCAR (IRE) (18) Miss S Randall 10 11 12	Mr M Barber (5)

605	P-3BP0	ARCHIE BOY (IRE) (29) R Potter 13 11 10	Mr J Drinkwater (7)
606	P/P-1U	DOCTOR HENRY (IRE) (13) Richard Mathias 9 11 10	Mr Thomas M O'Brien (7)

607	P23F12	FOYNES ISLAND (IRE) (18) Miss L Cable 9 11 10Mr M Hampton (5)	
608	P-2242	LOCKED INTHEPOCKET (IRE) (13) Mrs A Moorhead 11 11 10	Mr H Morshed (7)

609	14-133	PARKAM JACK (21) (D) Mrs Kayley Woollocatt 9 11 10 Mr J Mathias (3)	
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610	0-54UP	TRIFOLLET (305) (D) Andrew Martin 10 11 3	Mr J Martin (5)
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**BETTING:** 13-8 No Loose Change, 4-1 Tugboat, 9-2 Locked Inthepocket, 8-1 Doctor Henry, 12-1 Foynes Island, 14-1 Gale Force Oscar, 16-1 Parkam Jack, Bermuda Boy, 20-1 others.

## 5.00 BET TOTETRIFECTA NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f 110yds Penalty Value £3,899.

01	-420F1	BELLS 'N' BANJOS (IRE) (26) W Greatrex 5 11 6	G Sheehan
02	4-641P	CARNINGLI (IRE) (37) Miss R Curtis 6 11 6	L Aspell
03	60P	WOOTSTEPS (IRE) (126) J Upton 7 11 0	C Ring (5)
04	65	CATWALK BABE (IRE) (31) D Skelton 5 10 7	H Skelton
05	0	WESTON SUPER MARE (41) A Dunn 5 10 7	M Hamill (7)

**BETTING:** 1-2 Carningli, 2-1 Bells 'N' Banjos, 10-1 Catwalk Babe, 66-1 Weston Super Mare, 100-1 Wootsteps.

WINCANTON

Sunday's runners

Going: Good to Firm-Firm in places

## 2.10 JOIN REWARDS4RACING.COM MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,249.

1	1-504	DETROIT BLUES (26) J Snowden 5 11 0	B J Powell
2	3	MY SCAT DADDY (USA) (F396) D Steele 6 11 0	F Mitchell (7)
3	436546	NO NO CARDINAL (IRE) (192) M Gillard 6 11 0	T J Cannon
4	PV	WARBOND (F11) M Madgwick 7 11 0	M Goldstein
5	02	LOCHALSH (IRE) (7) D Skelton 4 10 9	Bridget Andrews (5)
6	NOTEBOOK (F22) Martin Smith 4 10 9	T Chessman (7)	
7	3	SEBS SENSEI (IRE) (13) M Hoad 4 10 9	Mr D Burchell (7)
8	30	TEMPLATE (IRE) (43) H Fry 4 10 9	N Fehily
9	5	VICTORY RICH (IRE) (14) Henry Tett 4 10 9	Mr F Tett (7)
10	2	NELLIES QUEST (28) B Powell 6 10 7	R McLernon
11	PP	SHINING GRACE (31) Miss S Robinson 6 10 7	Michael Byrne
12		EDE'S THE BUSINESS (F32) P Phelan 4 10 2	James Best

**BETTING:** Evens Lochalsh, 11-2 Detroit Blues, 8-1 Nellies Quest, 10-1 Template, 12-1 Sebs Sensei, 14-1 Notebook, Ede's The Business, 16-1 Warbond, 20-1 others.

## 2.40 CHILDREN'S TRUST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4).

## £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £3,249.

1	56-031	AKULA (IRE) (22) (D) T Vaughan 8 11 12	A Johns (6)
2	550-06	BRINESTINE (USA) (20) Miss E Baker 6 11 10	H Beswick (5)
3	5633P	RAVENOUS (21) J Snowden 4 11 7	M G Nolan
4	3550P1	FROZEN OVER (27) C Down 7 11 4	C Shoemark
5	566	LUCKY DOTTIE (F32) P Phelan 4 10 11	P Bradley (8)
6	0000	GOOD VALUE (95) D Pipe 4 10 8	K Edgar (3)
7	P/000	BOTANIST (F67) S A Harris 8 10 6	J Sherwood
8	P0000	EAST HILL (15) C Tizzard 5 10 0	J Bargarly (3)
9	0-R503	CRUISE IN STYLE (IRE) (26) (C) K Bishop 9 10 0	James Best

**BETTING:** Evens Akula, 6-1 Frozen Over, 7-1 Ravenous, 8-1 Good Value, 12-1 Brinestine, 14-1 Lucky Dottie, Cruise In Style, 16-1 East Hill, 25-1 Botanist.

## 3.10 BATHWICK TYRES HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 3). £10,000 added 5YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £6,498.

1	-102P3	ULICK DU LIN (FR) (19) P Nicholls 7 11 12	Mr H Cobden (7)
2	-5231F	SIR VALENTINO (FR) (77) (D) T R George 6 11 8	P Brennan
3	311524	UN ANJOU (FR) (19) (D) David Dennis 7 11 2	N Fehily
4	2-2144	MISS TENACIOUS (18) (C) R Hodges 8 11 1	Jack Doyle

**BETTING:** 11-8 Ulick Du Lin, 7-4 Sir Valentino, 9-2 Un Anjou, 7-1 Miss Tenacious.

## 3.40 SIMON COOMBS 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £5,500 added 4YO PLUS 2m 6f Penalty Value £3,574.

1	P-0423	DARDANELLA (27) (BF) A King 8 11 12	W Hutchinson
2	15FU40	URCALIN (FR) (29) (D) D Arbuthnot 7 11 10	T Cannon
3	320515	KEY TO MILAN (202) (C) C Down 9 11 10	G Hawkins (3)
4	0-3445	VENDREDI TROIS (FR) (19) Miss E Lavelle 6 11 8	R O'Dea (10)
5	004	FAYRE ENOUGH (IRE) (28) P Hobbs 5 11 1	Mr C Gethings (7)
6	130002	LADY OF LONGSTONE (IRE) (14) (BF) D Pipe 5 10 11	K Edgar (5)
7	P06U21	KARL MARX (IRE) (28) (CD) M Gillard 5 10 1	P John (7)

**BETTING:** 3-1 Lady Of Longstone, 7-2 Fayre Enough, 4-1 Karl Marx, 5-1 Dardanella, 8-1 Urcalin, Key To Milan, 10-1 Vendredi Trois.

## 4.10 RACING UK PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value £3,899.

1	-56112	SHE'S DA ONE (IRE) (5) (C/D)(BF) P Nicholls 6 11 5	S Twiston-Davies
2	35U6	CAPTAIN PROBUD (IRE) (17) H Fry 5 11 0	N Fehily
3	-51352	THATS MY RABBIT (IRE) (34) (BF) Jim Best 6 11 0	A Thornton
4	30FU0	ELEMENT QUARTET (IRE) (19) B Powell 6 10 7	B J Powell

## 4.40 RACING UK ANYWHERE NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 4). £7,000 added 5YO PLUS 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £4,549.

1	1P4PP1	BANG ON TIME (IRE) (15) (C) R Woollocott 9 11 12	P Brennan
2	612P13	TRAFFICKER (IRE) (42) (D)(BF) G McPherson 8 11 11	K Moore (3)
3	6-0532	ETHELRED (IRE) (14) J Snowden 7 11 0	B J Powell
4	4131P3	I'M IN CHARGE (18) (CD) J G Cann 9 11 4	N Schofield
5	06000-	ELECTRIC MAYHEM (371) N Mitchell 8 10 13	T Garner (3)

**BETTING:** 2-1 Trafficker, 11-4 Ethelred, 3-1 Bang On Time, 7-2 I'm In Charge, 33-1 Electric Mayhem.

## 5.10 COLLECT POINTS, GO RACING WITH REWARDS4RACING STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS 6). £2,500 added 4 to 6YO 2m Penalty Value £1,624.

1	PRESELI STAR (IRE) G Baker 5 11 3	A Tinkler
2	MEYREM ANA Miss N L-Beavis 5 10 10	P Brennan

**BETTING:** 2-1 Preseli Star, 11-4 Meyrem Ana.



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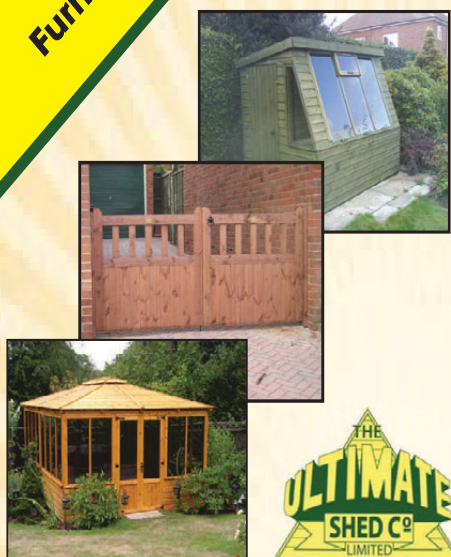
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# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 2015



## Did You Know?

WHEN Gareth Berg played against Sussex, he completed the following XI of Hampshire cricketers formerly of Middlesex.

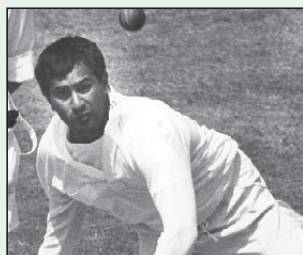
**MATTHEW KEECH** (Middlesex 1991-93, Hampshire 1994-99)  
Opened the batting with Desmond Haynes in his final Middlesex appearance.

**IAN WATSON** (Middlesex 1969, Hampshire 1973)  
Opened the batting with Gordon Greenidge in his only Hampshire appearance.

**DENIS BALDRY** (Middlesex 1953-58, Hampshire 1959-62)  
Middle-order batsman and off-spinner who scored his career-best 151 on his Hampshire debut

**KEVAN JAMES** (Middlesex 1980-84, Hampshire 1985-99)  
All-rounder who took four wickets in four balls and scored a century against India in 1996. Now the voice of Radio Solent's cricket coverage.

**GARETH BERG** (Middlesex 2008-14, Hampshire 2015-)  
Hampshire's first debutant in living memory to take a wicket with his first County Championship delivery



**RAJ MARU** (Middlesex 1980-82, Hampshire 1984-98)  
Slow left-armer, pictured above, now cricket master at Lancing College.

**BOB CAPLE** (Middlesex 1958-59, Hampshire 1961-67)  
Off-spinner who took 28 wickets for Hampshire at 35.82 and scored 1,531 runs at 18.22.

**CHARLES ROBSON** (Middlesex 1881-83, Hampshire 1895-1906)  
Wicketkeeper who played for Hampshire during their first decade in the County Championship

**BOB HERMAN** (Middlesex 1965-71, Hampshire 1972-77)  
Born in Shirley, he took 410 wickets for Hampshire at 23.65 and helped win the county's last Championship title in 1973.

**NORMAN COWANS** (Middlesex 1980-93, Hampshire 1994-95)  
Best known for taking 6-77 in an Ashes Test at the MCG in 1977. Still lives in Southampton.

**MARTIN THURSFIELD** (Middlesex 1990, Hampshire 1992-96)  
Failed to make an impact with either county before returning to the North East.

# BERG RELISHING ATTACKING ROLE

All-rounder makes dream start with the ball to put injury nightmare behind him



**ONE of the biggest positives from Hampshire's LV County Championship defeat against Sussex was the debut of Gareth Berg, who is relishing a new role with his new county.**

Playing his first Championship for a year, Berg finished with match figures of 4-98, his best return for three years, by taking 3-73 and 1-25 in the 92-run defeat against Sussex at The Ageas Bowl.

Berg's performance has given him renewed hope after a forgettable 2014 that he is glad to be putting behind him.

His Middlesex contract was cancelled after an injured shoulder became career-threatening following

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a freak infection.

But Berg could not have started his Hampshire career any better than by taking the county's first two wickets back in the first division.

A big off-cutter accounted for Chris Nash with his first ball. And after angling the ball across the bows of former England man Michael Yardy, he had another of Sussex's top-order left-handers caught behind by a diving Adam Wheeler at the beginning of his second over.

"I was very relaxed in the pre-season games but there were definite

nerves waiting for my chance to bowl coming into this one," he said. "So that wicket I got first ball calmed everything down for me. I was hoping to catch the edge but it came back and took the bail off! Nashy and I have battled over the years and I seem to get him quite often so it was nice to get him again."

"When I don't get a wicket in my first five overs I start searching for it but that got my tail up and Yardy's another one I've managed to get a few times over my career. It was nice to see the back of those two because they can be quite disruptive as a batting pair."

After a dream first spell (6-2-6-2) Berg returned to bowl the dangerous Ajmal Shahzad before an outstanding diving catch by Danny Briggs at

backward point gave him the scalp of Sussex captain Ed Joyce, his former Middlesex teammate, in the second innings.

"Berg bowled really well but there was an opportunity for him to get one or two more," said Hampshire coach Dale Benkenstein, who was frustrated by Sussex's recovery from 22-3 to 444 all out.

"We missed a bit of an opportunity there. With other bowlers you wouldn't have got the ball out of their hands after taking two for six from six overs."

"He hasn't played for a year and we've brought him back bowling five or six-over spells but maybe a nine-over spell would have had them four or five down."

"But the real positive was the way

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**QUICK TO IMPRESS:** Gareth Berg in action for Hampshire on his promising Championship debut against Sussex at The Ageas Bowl.



he did bowl, he looks like being a real asset to us.”

Berg is already enjoying a more attacking role to that which he had at Middlesex, for whom he took 138 Championship wickets at 32.3 apiece in six seasons.

“My role’s changed to what it was at Middlesex,” he explained. “I was a ‘hang-it-out-there’ bowler for the best part of seven years.

“You can toil for many overs bowling outside off stump, drying the runs up and hopefully getting the odd reward here and there.

“Here, they want me to hit the top off stump and make batters play. It took me two months to learn and train the brain and the body to go at off stump but I’m hitting that now which is good for me.

“It brings me into the game that little bit more and shows what sort of coaching we have. They want to play positive cricket and for us to attack batters which is great.”

Benkenstein explained: “I don’t see any future in that (bowling wide outside off stump). Maybe to the odd batter who’s strong on the leg side you can do that to, but you’ve got to attack the stumps, definitely off stump or ‘fourth’ stump.

“You have to make the batsmen make decisions, it brings more wicket-taking options into your game. I didn’t ask him to let the bowlers hit his off-stump though, which he managed to do! (Berg was bowled for a four-ball duck shouldering arms against Steve

Magoffin in Hampshire’s first innings).

“He’s been brilliant, this has been a huge plus for him. He’s had a heck of a tough year and a few doubts always come into your mind So to bowl 11 overs on the bounce was quite amazing.”

Berg’s last spell in Sussex’s first innings (11-1-26-2) saw him complete 28 overs in his first two days of Championship cricket since last April, an astonishing effort when you consider he never bowled more than 29 overs in an innings for Middlesex.

He bowled an aggregate of 39 overs against Sussex, which is the second-biggest four-day workload of his career.

“Hopefully Middlesex supporters

will see the scorecard and see that I’m performing for my new club,” said the 34-year-old.

“Psychologically it was nice to be on the teamsheet and to be playing. And I felt great. There are absolutely no problems with the shoulder.

“There are a few niggles but that’s bound to happen being a year out of the game.

“I’m pretty much 100 per cent and I’m hoping to be on the teamsheet for most games.

“I’m at that age where I’ve played a bit and need to be managed well, but the boys have shown a lot of love for me.

“It’s a great club and to have the opportunity to be playing cricket is great for me.”

## HAMPSHIRE FIXTURES 2015

### APRIL

12-15 Sussex (h) Championship: Sussex 444 (D Briggs 4-74) & 164 (J Tomlinson 4-37, D Briggs 3-27), Hampshire 231 (S Ervine 66no, C Wood 48) & 285 (M Carberry 79). Hampshire lost by 79 runs.

19-22 Warwickshire (Edgbaston) .....CC

26-29 Nottinghamshire (h) .....CC

### MAY

10-13 Yorkshire (Headingley) .....CC

15 Essex (h) .....T20

17-20 Middlesex (h) .....CC

22 Kent (h) .....T20 – f

29 Glamorgan (Swalec) .....T20 – f

31-3 Worcestershire (h) .....CC

### JUNE

4 Middlesex (h) .....T20

5 Somerset (Taunton) .....T20

7-10 Sussex (Hove) .....CC

12 Kent (Canterbury) .....T20 – f

18 Middlesex (Lord’s) .....T20 – f

19 Sussex (h) .....T20 – f

21 Somerset (h) .....CC

26 Essex (Chelmsford) .....T20 – f

28-1 Middlesex (Lord’s) .....CC

### JULY

3 Glamorgan (h) .....T20 – f

6-9 Worcestershire (New Road) .....CC

10 Surrey (h) .....T20 – f

14 Gloucestershire (Cheltenham) .....T20

17 Sussex (Hove) .....T20 – f

19-22 Durham (h) .....CC

23 Somerset (h) .....T20 – f

27 Sussex (h) .....50L – f

30 Kent (Canterbury) .....50L – f

### AUGUST

1 Middlesex (h) .....50L

2 Glamorgan (Swalec) .....50L

4 Essex (h) .....50L – f

5 Warwickshire (Edgbaston) .....50L – f

7-10 Warwickshire (h) .....CC

17 Lancashire (h) .....50L – f

19 Nottinghamshire (Trent Bridge) .....50L – f

### SEPTEMBER

1-4 Durham (Riverside) LVCC

9-12 Somerset (Taunton) .....CC

14-17 Yorkshire (h) .....CC

22-25 Nottinghamshire (Trent Bridge) .....CC

Key LVCC: LV County Championship T20: Twenty20 50L: Royal London One-Day Cup f: floodlit

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## Did You Know?

### ANDERSON AT HIS BEST

ENGLAND seamer James Anderson has overtaken Sir Ian Botham's all-time England wicket-taking record of 383.

Here, the *Sports Pink* recalls five of the best performances in his outstanding career to date:

#### NOTTINGHAM 2008, v New Zealand, nine for 98 (including innings career-best seven for 43)

England won by an innings and nine runs at Trent Bridge, which, with its propensity to swing, has always been by far Anderson's happiest hunting ground. He was five years and 25 matches into his Test career when he produced these benchmark figures – making such short work of the New Zealanders.

He knocked over the top seven in the Kiwis' first innings, with lateral movement from a full length, as England wrapped up the series 2-0.

#### NOTTINGHAM 2010, v Pakistan, career-best match haul of 11 for 71, England won by 354 runs

With no Trent Bridge Test in the Ashes summer of 2009, Anderson had to make do with Chester-le-Street to torment the early-season West Indies tourists. But he was back in the swing in Nottingham against Pakistan, with one of his most devastating displays – mopping up 11 of his 32 wickets at home in 2010, as the tourists were hustled out for 182 and then just 80.

#### SYDNEY 2010-11, v Australia, seven for 127, England won by an innings and 83 runs

Anderson's 24 wickets were among the reasons England famously won in Australia for the first time in a generation, and in between whitewashes down under. He demonstrated a memorable mastery of requirements, with the Kookaburra ball and in conditions which previously and subsequently limited him.

If he was at his most challenging on a cloudy first day in Melbourne, it was at the SCG where he and England confirmed their domination.

#### KOLKATA 2012-13, v India, six for 127, England won by seven wickets

Anderson often made the most of helpful conditions. But there was precious little in his favour at Eden Gardens, apart from supreme skill and will.

He had been a bit-part player in the spinners' benefit as England levelled the series in Mumbai – but in this third Test, he gave away nothing in 43.4 overs, and needed great patience as well as stamina to earn the occasional rewards from hints of reverse-swing as Alastair Cook's team prevailed again en route to a historic series success.

#### NOTTINGHAM 2013, v Australia, 10 for 158, England won by 14 runs

Back to Trent Bridge, fittingly, for perhaps Anderson's defining moment.

A titanic and tetchy opening Test, full of intrigue over DRS and remarkable last-wicket stands, also contained 55.5 overs from England's pace lynchpin.

It was with his final delivery, shortly after lunch on the fifth day, that he broke Australia at last – Brad Haddin last out caught behind, on review of course – as England scrambled a victory from which Australia were unable to recover all summer.

Anderson's energy-sapping efforts took an inevitable toll – but he was back on his mettle against Sri Lanka and India last summer, to put himself on the brink of topping Botham's tally.

# KP IS RUNNING OUT

Former England star Andrew Flintoff (centre) with (from left) Chris Woakes (Warwickshire), Alex Hales (Notts) Steven Croft (Lancashire), Jack Brooks (Yorkshire), Daryl Mitchell (Worcestershire), Mark Cosgrove (Leicestershire) Alex Wakely (Northants), Mark Stoneman (Durham), Wes Durston (Derbyshire), James Vince (Hampshire), Jacques Rudolph (Glamorgan), George Dockrell (Somerset), Sam Northeast (Kent), John Simpson (Middlesex), Will Beer (Sussex), Reece Topley (Essex), Pete Handscomb (Gloucestershire) and James Burke (Surrey).



### ANDREW Flintoff fears Kevin Pietersen is "running out of time" to resurrect his England career.

Flintoff, speaking at the England and Wales Cricket Board's NatWest T20 launch, sees a bright summer and lasting future ahead for "probably the premier tournament" in this country, writes DAVID CLOUGH.

The dual Ashes-winning all-rounder is less convinced, however, about Pietersen's prospects of forcing his way back into Test contention.

Pietersen already has three Ashes series wins on his CV but will be 35 before the 2015 edition begins, and

Flintoff senses he no longer has age on his side.

The controversial record-breaking batsman has been surplus to requirements since being sacked 14 months ago after Alastair Cook's team were whitewashed 5-0 in Australia.

But the one-time Hampshire batsman has taken heart from incoming ECB chairman Colin Graves' hints that there may be a way back after all.

Pietersen and his agent have both spoken of the "clean slate" being presented to him, and he began restating his case by hitting 170 against MCCU Oxford in his first red-ball innings for Surrey since June 2013.

Flintoff is concerned nonetheless that there is simply no vacancy for Pietersen.

"He's a fantastic player, but nobody just walks into any team – especially the England team, 'I'm back, I'm here, I'm playing,'" Flintoff said.

England have won their last three Tests under Cook, pre-dating a miserable World Cup, and also had the better of the drawn first Test in the Caribbean this week.

It is hard to identify anyone in their middle order who should step aside, on current form.

"Which of them do you say 'you're not playing' for Kevin to come in?"

Flintoff said.

"I just think Kevin is running out of time a little bit.

"If he'd started the season last year with Surrey, and scored run after run and put himself in the position... whereas now I think he's looking at the Ashes and he's just running out of time.

"That's not to say he (definitely) won't feature, but I can't imagine it's going to be in the near future."

Flintoff is enthusiastic about this summer's T20 Blast, insisting it is no poor relation of the Indian Premier League – or the Big Bash, in which he played last winter for Brisbane Heat.

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## OF TIME – FLINTOFF



KEVIN PIETERSEN

Flintoff said: "The competition gets stronger. It's probably the premier tournament of the domestic game now, with the crowds and excitement behind it."

"We're seeing that, with some of the players coming over – the world's best, Chris Gayle, Brendon McCullum, (Glenn) Maxwell, (Aaron) Finch."

Gayle – the biggest box office batsman in world one day cricket – will make his first ever appearance in the English t20 this summer for Somerset.

New Zealand skipper McCullum – the first man to score 1,000 t20 international runs – will play seven games for

holders Warwickshire.

Maxwell, who played for Hampshire in both 2012 and 2014, and Australian World Cup winning colleague Finch have signed up to play for Yorkshire this summer.

"I played in the Big Bash, and the standard was high (but) this stands up as a competition."

"You turn up at Old Trafford for Lancashire-Yorkshire, and get 25,000 people, then to Chelmsford where they're playing in front of packed houses – so I don't subscribe to that."

"Anything in this country, we look at things abroad and say everything is far better over there. We don't really

focus on what we've got.

"I didn't see anything within the Big Bash and thought 'this is far better than what we've got at home'."

Whether at 37 he will be a part of the Blast again, after coming out of retirement and so nearly helping Lancashire to win the tournament last summer, is another matter.

"I'm not arrogant enough to think I can just walk into the Lancashire dressing-room and say 'I'm back, I'm playing'," he added.

"The one reason I wanted to play (last year) is because I love it and I never want to look back at my life, when I'm older, and think 'I wish I'd

done that'.

"I don't see failing as a problem. But I see not having a go as a crime."

"So I thought 'I'm going to have a go', and I certainly loved it."

It might come as a surprise to learn Flintoff has only ever played 39 t20 matches in his career.

The fourth of those was the first ever t20 international in England between England and Australia at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl ten years ago this June.

Three of the games were for Lancashire in the T20 last summer, while another seven were for Brisbane in the winter KFC Big Bash.

### Did You Know?

#### JAMES ANDERSON – 12 FACTS

ENGLAND fast bowler James Anderson, pictured below, has overtaken Sir Ian Botham's all-time England wicket taking record of 383.

Here, the Sports Pink reveals 12 things you may or may not know about England's leading wicket-taker.



1. One of only four Englishmen to have taken 300 Test wickets, alongside Fred Trueman, Bob Willis and Botham.

2. Has career-best figures of seven for 43 against New Zealand in 2008.

3. Secured a place on the famous Lord's honours board on Test debut, taking five for 73 against Zimbabwe.

4. Has gone on to take five wickets in an innings on 16 occasions.

5. Anderson averages a wicket every 58.3 balls.

6. His most prolific series was India's tour of England in 2014, taking 25 wickets at 20.60.

7. He is significantly more effective in home conditions, averaging 26.38 per wicket in England and Wales compared to 36.76 in overseas Tests.

8. His stand of 198 with Joe Root against India at Trent Bridge in 2014 is the highest-ever tenth-wicket partnership in Test history.

9. Has never played away Tests in Pakistan – although he did play against the country in the three-match series in the United Arab Emirates in 2012 – Bangladesh or Zimbabwe.

10. Was England's 12th man for the deciding Test of the famous 2005 Ashes series.

11. Went 57 innings before registering his first duck, an England record.

12. Honoured as one of Wisden's five 'Cricketers of the year' in 2009.



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## Botham leads the tributes to Anderson

SIR Ian Botham gave James Anderson his seal of approval after seeing the seamer move past his record to become England's all-time leading wicket-taker.

Anderson induced an edge from West Indies captain Denesh Ramdin, who was caught at first slip by opposite number Alastair Cook, on the final day of the first Test in Antigua.

That was Anderson's 384th scalp in Test cricket on his landmark 100th cap and saw him break Botham's record which has stood for the last 23 years.

The former all-rounder was overjoyed at the moment, standing to applaud Anderson, and then writing on Twitter: "Great moment for Jimmy and his family..... Congratulations you deserve it .... Awesome !!"



**WELL DONE:** Sir Ian Botham, right, congratulates England's James Anderson on breaking his record at the end of the drawn first Test against the West Indies.

Botham saluted the 32-year-old as he left the field following the conclusion of the match, which ended in a draw, and in his column for the *Mirror*, the former all-rounder wrote that Anderson is "the complete bowler".

"He has been a joy to watch for more than 12 years in an England shirt and I'm absolutely delighted for him that he has finally overtaken me to be number one on the Test wicket takers list out on his own," said Botham.

"Because he has been out on his own for years as the leader of England's attack and the finest swing bowler of his generation.

"He hasn't done it the easy way, he has had to work hard for his rewards and he has had to improve along the way to become the complete bowler he is today.

"You don't take as many wickets as he has by being a one-trick pony who can only succeed in swinging or helpful conditions."

*Continued on facing page*

BARRY Richards set Hampshire on their way to a crushing victory at Warwickshire in their last Championship winning summer of 1973.

The legendary South African struck 240 as the visitors piled up 396-7 declared.

That was more than Warwickshire managed in either of their innings.

Bob Mottram claimed a second innings 6-63 burst to leave Hampshire under 40 to win, though they still lost three wickets before reaching their target.

### Warwickshire v Hampshire Championship 1973

#### Hampshire first innings

BA Richards c Lewington b McVicker .....240  
CG Greenidge c Smith b Lewington .....56  
DR Turner c Abberley b McVicker .....41  
\*RMC Gilliat c Kallicharran b McVicker .....10  
RV Lewis c Jameson b Rouse .....12  
TE Jesty c Brown b McVicker .....10  
PJ Sainsbury c Abberley b Willis .....5  
MNS Taylor not out .....5  
GR Stephenson not out .....6  
Extras (8 lb, 1 nb, 2 w) .....11  
**Total (7 wickets, declared, 95 overs) ...396**  
Fall: 1-119, 2-256, 3-302, 4-338, 5-370, 6-384, 7-384  
**Bowling:** Brown 16 2 91 0; Willis 15 3 58 1; McVicker 16 2 54 4; Rouse 21 4 74 1; Lewington 22 4 84 1; Jameson 5 0 24 0

#### Warwickshire first innings

RN Abberley lbw b Mottram .....28  
JA Jameson lbw b Herman .....4  
\*MJK Smith run out .....37  
J Whitehouse c Greenidge b Sainsbury .....33  
Al Kallicharran c Richards b Jesty .....35  
DL Murray c Stephenson b Taylor .....18  
NM McVicker c Lewis b Sainsbury .....20  
SJ Rouse c Stephenson b Taylor .....23  
DJ Brown b Sainsbury .....4  
RGD Willis not out .....5  
PJ Lewington c Taylor b Mottram .....10  
Extras (3 lb, 3 nb) .....6  
**Total (all out, 93.1 overs) .....223**  
Fall: 1-9, 2-50, 3-80, 4-140, 5-140, 6-166, 7-201, 8-208, 9-208, 10-223 (93.1 ov)  
**Bowling:** Herman 22 4 48 1; Mottram 12 1 3 35 2; Taylor 19 4 60 2; Jesty 15 2 39 1; Sainsbury 25 10 35 3

#### Warwickshire second innings (following on)

RN Abberley c Greenidge b Herman .....0  
JA Jameson c Jesty b Mottram .....13  
\*MJK Smith lbw b Jesty .....17  
Al Kallicharran lbw b Mottram .....12  
J Whitehouse b Mottram .....16  
DL Murray c Gilliat b Sainsbury .....47  
NM McVicker b Mottram .....53  
SJ Rouse c Gilliat b Mottram .....0  
DJ Brown b Mottram .....3  
RGD Willis c Greenidge b Herman .....23  
PJ Lewington not out .....12  
Extras (4 lb, 7 nb) .....11  
**Total (all out, 118 overs) .....207**  
Fall: 1-0, 2-14, 3-32, 4-47, 5-81, 6-158, 7-169, 8-170, 9-172, 10-207 (118 ov)  
**Bowling:** Herman 23 13 45 2; Mottram 26 5 63 6; Taylor 16 3 38 0; Jesty 20 9 25 1; Sainsbury 25 20 8 1; Richards 8 2 17 0

#### Hampshire second innings

BA Richards c Whitehouse b Willis .....9  
CG Greenidge not out .....11  
DR Turner c Murray b Willis .....12  
\*RMC Gilliat c Jameson b Willis .....1  
RV Lewis not out .....1  
Extras (1 lb, 1 nb) .....3  
**Total (3 wickets, 9.2 overs) .....37**  
Fall: 1-9, 2-30, 3-32  
**Bowling:** Brown 4 0 18 0; Willis 4 2 0 16 3; Murray 1 1 0 0  
**Hampshire won by 7 wickets**

West Indian fast bowler Andy Roberts took nine wickets in the game when Hampshire won at Warwickshire two years later.

Captain Richard Gilliat had top scored with 106 when Hampshire opened with 4167, though lower order pair Mike Taylor (63) and Peter Sainsbury (50) also chipped in with half centuries.

### Warwickshire v Hampshire Championship 1975

#### Warwickshire first innings

JA Jameson b Rice .....15  
DL Amis lbw b Roberts .....12  
J Whitehouse lbw b Roberts .....0  
Al Kallicharran lbw b Roberts .....62  
RB Kanhai b Taylor .....52  
DL Murray b Taylor .....4  
RN Abberley st Stephenson b Sainsbury .....22  
PR Oliver c Richards b Roberts .....8  
EE Hemmings not out .....69

# RICHARDS

**DOUBLE CENTURY:**  
Barry Richards.



**HAMPSHIRE head to Warwickshire this weekend aiming to bounce back from the disappointment of losing their first Championship match of 2015.**

Jimmy Adams' men were beaten by south

coast rivals Sussex at The Ageas Bowl in what was Hampshire's first top flight game since September 2012.

Hampshire travel to Birmingham to face Warwickshire tomorrow in their second four-day game of the new campaign.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks back at some of the county's best performances in Warwickshire since the start of the 1970s.

We start with a Barry Richards-inspired victory in the year Hampshire last lifted the Championship title.

#### Hampshire first innings

BA Richards b Brown .....13  
CG Greenidge c Murray b Brown .....40  
DR Turner b Hemmings .....87  
TE Jesty c Jameson b Oliver .....28  
\*RMC Gilliat c Hemmings b Perryman .....106  
JM Rice c Kallicharran b Perryman .....8  
PJ Sainsbury c Murray b Hemmings .....50  
MNS Taylor c Perryman b Hemmings .....63  
GR Stephenson not out .....7  
AME Roberts b Hemmings .....4  
JW Southern not out .....4  
Extras (1 lb, 9 lb, 1 nb) .....11  
**Total (9 wickets, dec, 100 overs) .....417**  
Fall: 1-36, 2-63, 3-98, 4-236, 5-267, 6-300, 7-398, 8-398, 9-413  
**Bowling:** Brown 29 2 116 2; Perryman 26 4 76 2; Oliver 7 1 35 1; Hemmings 34 4 145 4; Abberley 4 1 34 0

#### Warwickshire first innings

JA Jameson b Rice .....15  
DL Amis lbw b Roberts .....12  
J Whitehouse lbw b Roberts .....0  
Al Kallicharran lbw b Roberts .....62  
RB Kanhai b Taylor .....52  
DL Murray b Taylor .....4  
RN Abberley st Stephenson b Sainsbury .....22  
PR Oliver c Richards b Roberts .....8  
EE Hemmings not out .....69

SP Perryman lbw b Roberts .....2  
\*DJ Brown b Sainsbury .....17  
Extras (11 lb, 6 nb, 2 w) .....19  
**Total (all out, 99.1 overs) .....282**  
Fall: 1-34, 2-34, 3-39, 4-139, 5-145, 6-161, 7-178, 8-226, 9-239, 10-282 (99.1 ov)  
**Bowling:** Roberts 23 3 82 5; Rice 23 11 37 1; Taylor 22 9 73 2; Jesty 14 3 37 0; Southern 10 3 21 0; Sainsbury 7 1 2 13 2

#### Hampshire second innings

BA Richards c Brown b Perryman .....75  
CG Greenidge b Brown .....8  
DR Turner c Kanhai b Perryman .....28  
TE Jesty lbw b Hemmings .....51  
\*RMC Gilliat c Whitehouse b Oliver .....18  
MNS Taylor not out .....9  
PJ Sainsbury not out .....4  
Extras (7 lb) .....7  
**Total (5 wickets, declared, 44 overs) .....200**  
Fall: 1-18, 2-111, 3-120, 4-183, 5-191  
**Bowling:** Brown 16 3 71 1; Perryman 14 2 64 2; Oliver 6 1 33 1; Hemmings 8 2 25 1

#### Warwickshire second innings

JA Jameson c Gilliat b Roberts .....4  
DL Amis b Roberts .....6  
J Whitehouse c Rice b Sainsbury .....39  
Al Kallicharran b Rice .....3  
RB Kanhai b Southern .....0

DL Murray c Taylor b Southern .....4  
RN Abberley c Greenidge b Southern .....105  
PR Oliver c Gilliat b Southern .....0  
EE Hemmings c Jesty b Roberts .....38  
SP Perryman c Turner b Robert .....2  
\*DJ Brown not out .....1  
Extras (11 lb, 5 lb, 4 nb) .....20  
**Total (all out, 98 overs) .....222**  
Fall: 1-6, 2-17, 3-22, 4-33, 5-43, 6-81, 7-84, 8-178, 9-180, 10-222 (98 ov)  
**Bowling:** Roberts 17 10 14 4; Rice 18 7 44 1; Jesty 3 2 1 0; Southern 39 15 100 4; Sainsbury 18 9 34 1; Richards 3 0 9 0  
**Hampshire won by 113 runs**

Bob Stephenson and Nigel Cowley shared six cheap wickets as Warwickshire were routed for just 70 in their second innings at Nuneaton in 1979.

The hosts were handicapped by having two players – Phil Oliver and John Cloughton – absent injured. Opening batsman John

Rice was Hampshire's main bowler in Warwickshire's first innings, claiming 5-17 as the visitors managed an 89-run first innings lead.

Southsea-born David Rock then scored one of his three first class centuries for Hampshire to put them firmly in the box seat.

### Warwickshire v Hampshire Championship 1979

**Hampshire first innings**  
CG Greenidge c Lloyd b Perryman .....64  
JM Rice b Ferreira .....43  
DR Turner c Lloyd b Hopkins .....4  
TE Jesty c Maynard b Perryman .....52  
DJ Rock c Maynard b Perryman .....3  
NGC Cowley b Perryman .....0  
VP Terry c Amis b Clifford .....21  
MNS Taylor c Lloyd b Perryman .....0  
\*GR Stephenson c Maynard b Clifford .....4  
MD Marshall c Maynard b Perryman .....2  
K Stevenson not out .....0



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## BLAZES TRAIL



**TRIPLE CENTURY STAND:** Chris Smith, main picture, and Paul Terry, above, starred against Warwickshire in 1987. Below: Andy Roberts took nine wickets in Hampshire's 1975 victory.



Extras (6 lb, 1 nb) .....7  
**Total (all out, 77.2 overs) .....200**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-97, 2-112, 3-122, 4-149, 5-151, 6-194, 7-194, 8-194, 9-200, 10-200 (77.2 ov)  
**Bowling:** Perryman 28 12 69 6; Ferreira 18 6 34 1; Hopkins 13 3 47 1; Clifford 18 2 4 43 2

**Warwickshire first innings**  
 DL Amiss c and b Stevenson .....11  
 JA Cloughton b Stevenson .....12  
 TA Lloyd c Jesty b Rice .....12  
 Al Kallicharran c Turner b Rice .....0  
 \*J Whitehouse c Jesty b Cowley .....7  
 \*AM Ferreira c Jesty b Rice .....26  
 \*C Maynard c Rock b Cowley .....19  
 DC Hopkins c Taylor b Rice .....0  
 CC Clifford b Rice .....4  
 SP Perryman not out .....6  
 PR Oliver absent hurt .....0  
 Extras (1 lb, 3 lb, 4 nb, 6 w) .....14  
**Total (all out, 52.4 overs) .....111**  
**Fall:** 1-28, 2-42, 3-42, 4-46, 5-63, 6-93, 7-96,

8-102, 9-111 (52.4 ov)  
**Bowling:** Stevenson 14 6 26 2; Marshall 12 8 8 0; Rice 11 4 3 17 5; Jesty 2 1 5 0; Taylor 4 0 19 0; Cowley 9 3 22 2

**Hampshire second innings**  
 JM Rice c Maynard b Ferreira .....4  
 DJ Rock c Lloyd b Hopkins .....104  
 DR Turner c sub b Hopkins .....57  
 TE Jesty c Lloyd b Clifford .....38  
 CG Greenidge not out .....52  
 NGC Cowley not out .....6  
 Extras (10 lb) .....10  
**Total (4 wickets, declared, 81 overs) ...271**

**Fall:** 1-17, 2-111, 3-185, 4-254  
**Bowling:** Perryman 30 9 85 0; Ferreira 10 3 21 1; Hopkins 17 5 52 2; Clifford 24 3 103 1

**Warwickshire second innings**  
 DL Amiss c Cowley b Marshall .....2  
 \*J Whitehouse c Terry b Stevenson .....2  
 TA Lloyd c Rock b Marshall .....21  
 Al Kallicharran b Stevenson .....3  
 AM Ferreira c Stephenson b Stevenson .....0  
 \*C Maynard not out .....19  
 DC Hopkins c Rock b Cowley .....4  
 CC Clifford c Rock b Cowley .....3  
 SP Perryman c Rock b Cowley .....9  
 JA Cloughton absent hurt .....0  
 PR Oliver absent hurt .....0  
 Extras (4 lb, 1 lb, 2 nb) .....7  
**Total (all out, 39.4 overs) .....70**  
**Fall:** 1-5, 2-8, 3-21, 4-21, 5-38, 6-45, 7-52, 8-70 (39.4 ov)  
**Bowling:** Stevenson 12 4 16 3; Marshall 11 5 14 2; Rice 6 3 17 0; Cowley 10 4 7 16 3  
**Hampshire won by 290 runs**

CHRIS Smith and Paul Terry shared a triple century stand for the first wicket as Hampshire cantered to an easy victory in the midlands in 1987.

Steve Andrew and Tim Tremlett shared eight wickets as Warwickshire were bowled out for 168 in their first innings.

That set the scene for Smith (217) and Paul Terry (122) to put on 347 for the first wicket in reply.

Tremlett took four more second innings wickets, with Hampshire left less than 50 to win.

### Warwickshire v Hampshire Championship 1987

**Warwickshire first innings**  
 AJ Moles c Parks b Andrew .....9  
 TA Lloyd c Terry b Andrew .....0  
 PA Smith c Nicholas b Tremlett .....17  
 DL Amiss c CL Smith b Tremlett .....13  
 GW Humpage lbw b Andrew .....9  
 AC Storie c Nicholas b Maru .....28  
 Asif Din c CL Smith b Marshall .....29  
 GJ Parsons c Parks b Tremlett .....13  
 ET Milburn c Terry b Andrew .....24  
 AA Donald c James b Tremlett .....0  
 \*N Gifford not out .....0  
 Extras (1 lb, 12 lb, 3 nb, 10 w) .....26  
**Total (all out, 73.4 overs) .....168**  
**Fall:** 1-4, 2-17, 3-41, 4-48, 5-72, 6-128, 7-128, 8-151, 9-151, 10-168 (73.4 ov)  
**Bowling:** Marshall 19 12 22 1; Andrew 12 4 3 35 4; Tremlett 17 5 38 4; Maru 17 7 27 1; James 8 1 33 0

**Hampshire first innings**  
 VP Terry b Donald .....122  
 CL Smith b Milburn .....217  
 DR Turner not out .....17  
 RA Smith not out .....11  
 Extras (19 lb, 5 nb, 5 w) .....29  
**Total (2 wickets, declared, 110 overs) ...396**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-347, 2-380  
**Bowling:** Donald 21 2 91 1; Smith 14 2 52 0; Parsons 20 1 83 0; Moles 18 7 48 0; Milburn 18 4 52 1; Gifford 19 4 51 0

**Warwickshire second innings**  
 AJ Moles b Maru .....41  
 TA Lloyd lbw b Andrew .....14  
 PA Smith lbw b Tremlett .....17  
 DL Amiss lbw b Marshall .....17  
 GW Humpage c Parks b Tremlett .....64  
 AC Storie b Marshall .....1  
 Asif Din c Parks b Tremlett .....49  
 GJ Parsons lbw b Tremlett .....28  
 ET Milburn retired hurt .....2  
 AA Donald c Maru b Marshall .....27  
 \*N Gifford not out .....7  
 Extras (2 lb, 10 lb, 3 nb, 5 w) .....20  
**Total (all out, 96.5 overs) .....271**  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-3, 2-42, 3-80, 4-92, 5-93, 6-187, 7-223, 8-234, 9-271 (96.5 ov)  
**Bowling:** Andrew 21 7 60 1; Marshall 22 5 66 3; Maru 20 13 23 1; Tremlett 23 7 67 4; James 8 0 43 0; CL Smith 2 2 0 0

**Hampshire second innings**  
 VP Terry lbw b Smith .....11  
 CL Smith not out .....15  
 \*MCJ Nicholas not out .....13  
 Extras (1 nb, 4 w) .....5  
**Total (1 wicket, 9.5 overs) .....44**  
**Fall:** 1-13 (Terry)  
**Bowling:** Donald 5 0 22 0; Smith 4 5 0 22 1  
**Hampshire won by 9 wickets**

KEVIN James was the only man to score a century in the game when Hampshire again won at Warwickshire in 1996.

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Botham, whose record was equalled when Marlon Samuels was caught at gully earlier on Friday, is optimistic Anderson can move past 400 wickets and beyond to become an all-time great.

"I'm glad I was here in Antigua to watch him do it. I've got a rather large gift for him waiting for him to open back at home, but in the meantime I'll be sharing a glass with him at some point and having a chat about his fantastic achievement," he said.

"It has been a privilege to watch him up close all these years and commentate on a career that I believe still has a few more miles in the tank yet. I expect him to go past 400 now and set a record for the ages."

Bob Willis, third on England's all-time list of wicket-takers with 325 scalps, sees no reason why Anderson cannot aim even higher if he stays fit and healthy.

"There's nothing to stop Jimmy going on to take 500 Test wickets," said Willis in a Sky Sports column.

"I'm sure he'll want to do that; England play an awful lot of Test cricket and if he can keep mind and body together, he's capable of achieving something even more special."

"I can't overestimate the scale of James Anderson's achievement – it is truly fantastic. It's quite something for a fast bowler to play 100 Test matches, but an incredible feat for Jimmy to get past Ian Botham's record."

Anderson made his debut against Zimbabwe at Lord's in May 2003 under Nasser Hussain, who was bursting with pride at the Lancashire bowler's achievement.

He said Sky Sports 2: "I'm very proud of him. It's an incredible moment really."

"The work he's done behind the scenes, the hard times he's had, he's reaping those rewards."

Hussain sensed from the outset that Anderson was a huge and unique talent in English cricket.

"When I first saw him, and gave him that first England cap, I knew he was probably the most skilful bowler we would produce," he said.

"He had something like a young Pakistan bowler. He knew his game – it was all about swing, it was raw ... getting the ball down there, and getting wickets."

Another former England captain Michael Vaughan believes Anderson is one of the best bowlers he has seen.

"I got into cricket in the 80s, he's the best I've seen in my era. I would put Jimmy right up there," said the Yorkshireman on BBC Radio 5 Live.

Former England batsman Geoffrey Boycott concurred, adding: "He's right up there with the very best. Jimmy is up there, his performances are up there, that's all I can say."

Former England team-mate and now Lancashire head coach Ashley Giles said: "This is a tremendous achievement by Jimmy. To maintain such a high level of performance over such a long period of time is testament to his hard work and dedication."

"He is a fantastic ambassador for Lancashire and England and I am delighted for him."

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# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 2015

## Jimmy's mixed emotions

JAMES Anderson will have bittersweet memories of his week in Antigua, having become the leading Test wicket-taker in England's history but failing to see them over the line against the West Indies.

The hosts lost just five wickets on the final day of the first Test to finish 350 for seven, with two of those falling at Anderson's hand to send him past Sir Ian Botham's 23-year-old record on his 100th appearance.

Anderson now stands alone at the summit on 384 scalps, but he could not fully enjoy the moment as Jason Holder scored a defiant 103 not out to force the draw.

The 32-year-old was able to recognise the significance of the milestone, not least when being congratulated by Botham as he left the field, but his competitive streak left him unfulfilled.

"Taking over from an English legend is a proud moment for me," he said.

"My immediate thought was that we were back in the game, that we'd opened an end up to get a sniff of winning the game.

"But when we got together as a group and the guys started congratulating me it started to sink in then, which was nice.

"A lot of my mates were out there and great that my family were there too.

"But we tried everything out there to win the game: different fields, cutters, reverse swing.

"It's frustrating in that respect, but I'm happy to have got that out of the way."

It was fitting that Cook was stationed at slip to pouch the edge that took Anderson past the landmark, with the pair forming a strong on and off-field bond over their years in the side together.

"It's not necessarily that he took the catch, just that he was on the field when I did it," said Anderson.

"We've played a lot together and it means a lot, to him as well as me.

"But I wouldn't have forgiven him if he'd dropped it."

Anderson also revealed that Botham had promised him a celebratory drink when the pair return to England next month.

"I saw him as we left the field and he congratulated me, which was nice. He said something about alcohol and sharing a glass," said Anderson.

"He could have made the effort and brought it out here but he says he's got a nice bottle waiting at home, which is really kind of him."

Cook was downcast at the sight of a Test win slipping through the fingers, but was pleased with what his side did throughout the five days.

The West Indian wickets have become notorious for the slow, attritional cricket they attract but Cook was surprised at just how little the deck offered in the closing stages.

"I think the whole dressing room has a bit of a downer on because we left everything on the pitch, as we had to do," he said.

"I think you could start another Test match again on that wicket and it would last another five days. It didn't deteriorate at all but we came close to winning a Test match on it.

"I wouldn't swap much of what we did on a pretty docile wicket.

"We threw everything at the West Indies, we played a pretty good Test match and come up just a little short.

"It was probably a points victory but we go to Grenada now."

# HANTS' BEST DAYS

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The current BBC Radio Solent sports presenter was 118 not out after Hampshire had opened up a first innings lead of 82.

Cardigan Connor collected eight wickets in the game as Hampshire won by 122 runs.

Warwickshire v Hampshire  
Championship 1996

<b>Hampshire first innings</b>	
RSM Morris c Ostler b Pollock	7
JS Laney c Piper b Reeve	73
KD James lbw b Welch	28
RA Smith c Piper b Reeve	20
GW White lbw b Smith	21
PR Whitaker c Ostler b Giles	21
AN Aymes c Knight b Pollock	28
WKM Benjamin lbw b Giles	16
RJ Maru not out	28
CA Connor c and b Giles	0
SM Milburn b Pollock	9
Extras (9 b, 8 lb, 6 nb)	23
<b>Total (all out, 119 overs)</b>	<b>274</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 1-24 (Morris), 2-70 (James), 3-117 (Smith), 4-154 (Laney), 5-158 (White), 6-178 (Whitaker), 7-213 (Benjamin), 8-252 (Aymes), 9-253 (Connor), 10-274 (Milburn)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Pollock 31 9 78 3; Brown 12 4 39 0; Welch 16 5 39 1; Giles 31 14 49 3; Reeve 18 8 20 2; Smith 11 5 32 1	

Warwickshire first innings

NV Knight lbw b Connor	5
WG Khan lbw b Maru	13
DP Ostler b Connor	0
TL Penney b Connor	48



**EDGBASTON CENTURY:**  
Kevin James.

*DA Reeve lbw b Connor	41
SM Pollock c Benjamin b James	45
DR Brown c Laney b Maru	11
NMK Smith c White b Connor	2
KJ Piper c Aymes b James	13
G Welch lbw b James	9
AF Giles not out	1
Extras (4 lb)	4
<b>Total (all out, 88.5 overs)</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 1-7 (Knight), 2-7 (Ostler), 3-50 (Khan), 4-74 (Penney), 5-154 (Pollock), 6-165 (Reeve), 7-169 (Brown), 8-169 (Smith), 9-187 (Welch), 10-192 (Piper)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Benjamin 12 2 25 0; Connor 24 6 57 5; Milburn 8 0 28 0; Maru 25 8 49 2; James 13.5 3 17 3; Whitaker 6 3 12 0	

Hampshire second innings

RSM Morris b Welch	9
JS Laney c Khan b Smith	40
KD James not out	118
GW White b Giles	24
PR Whitaker c Reeve b Giles	37
WKM Benjamin run out	2
AN Aymes not out	22
Extras (7 b, 17 lb)	24
<b>Total (5 wickets, declared, 101.2 overs)</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 1-36 (Morris), 2-87 (Laney), 3-140 (White), 4-219 (Whitaker), 5-221 (Benjamin)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Pollock 16 5 42 0; Brown 9 2 1 36 0; Reeve 21 7 42 0; Welch 11 2 29 1; Giles 25 8 62 2; Smith 19 4 41 1	

Warwickshire second innings

NV Knight b Milburn	60
WG Khan b Benjamin	3
DP Ostler c Aymes b Benjamin	3
TL Penney b Connor	73
SM Pollock c James b Maru	6
*DA Reeve c Aymes b James	22
DR Brown c Aymes b Connor	33
NMK Smith b Connor	0
KJ Piper c White b Milburn	19
G Welch lbw b Milburn	0
AF Giles not out	2
Extras (10 b, 5 lb)	15
<b>Total (all out, 98.3 overs)</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 1-10 (Khan), 2-22 (Ostler), 3-95 (Knight), 4-111 (Pollock), 5-173 (Reeve), 6-187 (Penney), 7-187 (Smith), 8-215 (Piper), 9-215 (Welch), 10-236 (Brown)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Connor 23.3 9 56 3; Maru 23 9 37 1; Benjamin 8 2 0 17 2; James 20 3 51 1; Milburn 19 4 9 47 3; Whitaker 4 0 13 0	

Hampshire won by 122 runs

MICHAEL Carberry and John Crawley set up Hampshire's 193-run success at Edgbaston in 2006.

Carberry, in his first summer with the county, hit 102 and Crawley was out four short of his ton as the visitors totalled 405.

Shane Warne claimed five wickets as Hampshire led by almost 200 after Warwickshire's first innings.

Jimmy Adams (85) then allowed Warne to set the hosts a huge target they never looked like getting anywhere near.

Warwickshire v Hampshire  
Championship 2006 (Division 1)

Hampshire first innings

JHK Adams lbw b Carter	40
MA Carberry c Trott b Loudon	102
JP Crawley lbw b Loudon	96
SM Ervine c Trott b Loudon	7
DJ Thornely c Frost b Brown	42
CT Tremlett c Frost b Brown	5
N Pothas not out	67
AD Mascarenhas c Frost b Brown	5
*SK Warne c Knight b Loudon	17
SD Udal c Loudon b Brown	4
JTA Bruce b Loudon	0
Extras (7 b, 7 lb, 6 nb)	20
<b>Total (all out, 144 overs)</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 1-113 (Adams), 2-180 (Carberry), 3-196 (Ervine), 4-276 (Thornely), 5-282 (Tremlett), 6-353 (Crawley), 7-368 (Mascarenhas), 8-391 (Warne), 9-400 (Udal), 10-405 (Bruce)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Streak 21 3 66 0; Carter 28 8 58 1; Brown 35 6 97 4; Anyon 16 1 42 0; Loudon 36 1 109 5; Powell 6 0 16 0; Troughton 2 0 3 0	

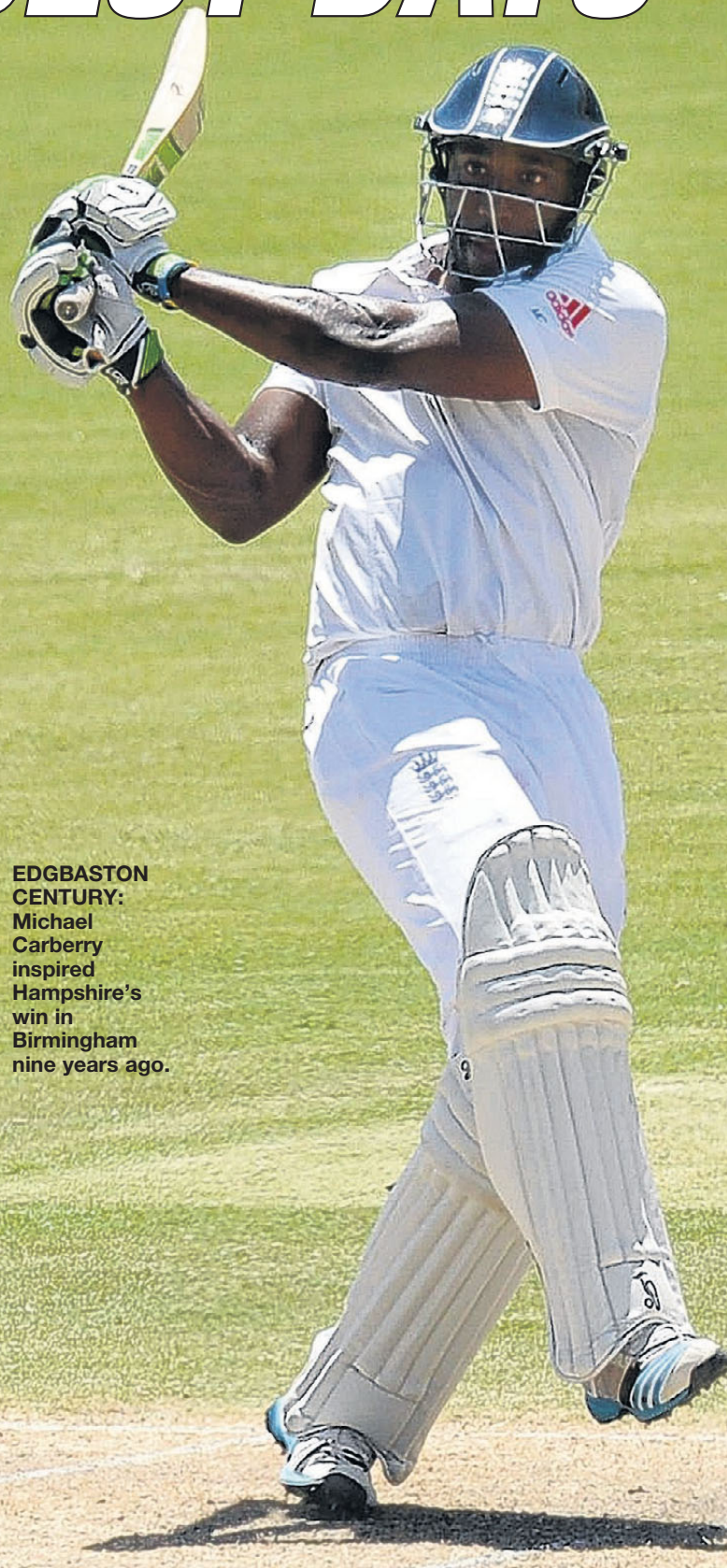
Warwickshire first innings

NV Knight c Ervine b Bruce	20
IJ Westwood b Mascarenhas	21
IJL Trott lbw b Bruce	0
JO Troughton b Warne	103
AGR Loudon b Mascarenhas	15
MJ Powell c Carberry b Warne	10
DR Brown c Pothas b Warne	15
T Frost c Ervine b Udal	19
*HH Streak lbw b Warne	4
NM Carter b Warne	2
JE Anyon not out	0
Extras (8 lb)	28
<b>Total (all out, 91.2 overs)</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 1-31 (Knight), 2-33 (Trott), 3-52 (Westwood), 4-84 (Loudon), 5-128 (Powell), 6-166 (Brown), 7-204 (Frost), 8-212 (Streak), 9-214 (Carter), 10-217 (Troughton)	
<b>Bowling:</b> Tremlett 10 2 34 0; Bruce 11 1 42 2; Ervine 15 5 28 0; Mascarenhas 16 5 38 2; Warne 27.2 9 52 5; Udal 12 6 15 1	

Hampshire second innings

JHK Adams c Frost b Brown	85
MA Carberry lbw b Streak	11
AD Mascarenhas c Carter b Trott	41
SM Ervine c and b Brown	23
DJ Thornely not out	30
JP Crawley c Anyon b Brown	0
N Pothas b Streak	9
Extras (12 b, 6 nb, 1 w)	19
<b>Total (6 wickets, declared, 35.2 overs)</b>	<b>218</b>

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**EDGBASTON CENTURY:**  
Michael Carberry inspired Hampshire's win in Birmingham nine years ago.

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**Fall:** 1-25 (Carberry), 2-118 (Mascarenhas), 3-166 (Ervine), 4-184 (Adams), 5-186 (Crawley), 6-218 (Pothas)  
**Bowling:** Brown 9 1 61 3; Streak 9.2 3 22 2; Carter 6 0 29 0; Troughton 3 0 24 0; Loudon 5 0 33 0; Trott 2 0 22 1; Powell 1 0 15 0

### Warwickshire second innings

NM Carter c Udal b Tremlett ..... 23  
 UJ Westwood c Ervine b Warne ..... 23  
 UJ Trott b Tremlett ..... 5  
 NV Knight c Adams b Ervine ..... 34  
 AGR Loudon c Pothas b Udal ..... 11  
 JO Troughton b Warne ..... 25  
 MJ Powell lbw b Udal ..... 6  
 DR Brown lbw b Bruce ..... 26  
 T Frost lbw b Bruce ..... 29  
 \*HH Streak not out ..... 12  
 JE Anyon b Tremlett ..... 4  
 Extras (12 lb, 2 nb) ..... 14

**Total (all out, 99.5 overs) ..... 213**

**Fall:** 1-28 (Carter), 2-38 (Trott), 3-80 (Westwood), 4-92 (Knight), 5-131 (Troughton), 6-135 (Loudon), 7-140 (Powell), 8-187 (Brown), 9-202 (Frost), 10-213 (Anyon)

**Bowling:** Tremlett 16.5 2 50 3; Bruce 15 5 37 2; Udal 17 8 23 2; Warne 33 12 58 2; Ervine 11 5 25 1; Mascarenhas 7 2 8 0

**Hampshire won by 193 runs**

Hampshire's last Championship win at Warwickshire was also one of their most remarkable.

Chris Woakes bagged 7-20 as the visitors were shot out for 141 in their first innings.

Woakes then came in at No 8 to whack 64 as Warwickshire opened up a 109-run first innings lead.

James Vince replied with a superb 145 as Hampshire stormed back into the game by making 416 in their second innings.

James Tomlinson and Chris Wood then stunned the hosts by reducing them to 30-6.

Five of the top six batsmen failed to score, and Warwickshire were eventually skittled for just 98 – Woakes top scoring again with 23 not out this time – to lose by a massive 209 runs.

### Warwickshire v Hampshire Championship 2011 (Division 1)

**Hampshire first innings**  
 \*JHK Adams c Westwood b Barker ..... 17  
 LA Dawson lbw b Clarke ..... 25  
 MA Carberry c Ambrose b Woakes ..... 4  
 ND McKenzie lbw b Woakes ..... 0  
 JM Vince c Barker b Woakes ..... 0  
 SM Ervine b Woakes ..... 36  
 MD Bates c Woakes b Rankin ..... 1  
 AD Mascarenhas c Clarke b Woakes ..... 33  
 CP Wood c Chopra b Woakes ..... 18  
 JA Tomlinson not out ..... 0  
 Imran Tahir c Troughton b Woakes ..... 0  
 Extras (4 b, 1 lb, 2 nb) ..... 7  
**Total (all out, 46.4 overs) ..... 141**

**Fall:** 1-35 (Adams, 7.5 ov), 2-48 (Carberry, 12.5 ov), 3-48 (McKenzie, 14.2 ov), 4-48 (Dawson, 15.3 ov), 5-48 (Vince, 17 ov), 6-57 (Bates, 21.3 ov), 7-121 (Ervine, 38.3 ov), 8-126 (Mascarenhas, 40.3 ov), 9-141 (Wood, 46.1 ov), 10-141 (Imran Tahir, 46.4 ov)  
**Bowling:** Woakes 14.4 3 20 7; Barker 8 0 47 1; Clarke 11 4 26 1; Rankin 13 2 43 1

**Warwickshire first innings**  
 V Chopra lbw b Tomlinson ..... 55  
 UJ Westwood lbw b Tomlinson ..... 8  
 WTS Porterfield c Tomlinson b Ervine ..... 14  
 S Chanderpaul c Dawson b Mascarenhas ..... 1  
 \*JO Troughton c McKenzie b Wood ..... 17  
 TR Ambrose c Bates b Ervine ..... 55  
 R Clarke c Bates b Mascarenhas ..... 0  
 CR Woakes run out ..... 64  
 KHD Barker c Vince b Wood ..... 28  
 CL Metters not out ..... 5  
 WB Rankin c Carberry b Tomlinson ..... 0  
 Extras (3 lb) ..... 3  
**Total (all out, 86.2 overs) ..... 250**

**Fall:** 1-22 (Westwood, 7.5 ov), 2-43 (Porterfield, 12.5 ov), 3-48 (Chanderpaul, 15.2 ov), 4-94 (Chopra, 34.1 ov), 5-96 (Troughton, 35.4 ov), 6-113 (Clarke, 42.3 ov), 7-186 (Ambrose, 64.2 ov), 8-229 (Woakes, 81 ov), 9-248 (Barker, 85.1 ov), 10-250 (Rankin, 86.2 ov)  
**Bowling:** Wood 23 5 60 2; Tomlinson 19.2 5 71 3; Ervine 16 5 41 2; Mascarenhas 22 4 58 2; Imran Tahir 6 1 17 0

### Hampshire second innings

\*JHK Adams b Barker ..... 16  
 LA Dawson c Clarke b Barker ..... 5  
 MA Carberry lbw b Barker ..... 49  
 ND McKenzie c Ambrose b Rankin ..... 45  
 JM Vince c Ambrose b Rankin ..... 145  
 JA Tomlinson c Westwood b Rankin ..... 11  
 SM Ervine lbw b Woakes ..... 63  
 MD Bates c Porterfield b Woakes ..... 0  
 AD Mascarenhas c Metters b Rankin ..... 6  
 CP Wood c Chopra b Woakes ..... 32  
 Imran Tahir not out ..... 5  
 Extras (16 b, 1 lb, 12 nb) ..... 39  
**Total (all out, 92.3 overs) ..... 416**

**Fall:** 1-22 (Dawson, 5.3 ov), 2-45 (Adams, 15.3 ov), 3-112 (Carberry, 29.3 ov), 4-151 (McKenzie, 39.4 ov), 5-223 (Tomlinson, 57.5 ov), 6-342 (Ervine, 84.1 ov), 7-342 (Bates, 84.3 ov), 8-372 (Vince, 88 ov), 9-381 (Mascarenhas, 89.1 ov), 10-416 (Wood, 92.3 ov)  
**Bowling:** Woakes 24.3 4 103 3; Barker 24 3 81 3; Clarke 16.3 1 61 0; Rankin 17.3 1 99 4; Metters 10 1 45 0



**EDGBASTON TON:**  
James Vince.

**Warwickshire second innings**  
 V Chopra st Bates b Tomlinson ..... 19  
 UJ Westwood c Vince b Wood ..... 0  
 WTS Porterfield c Bates b Wood ..... 0  
 S Chanderpaul c Ervine b Tomlinson ..... 0  
 \*JO Troughton c Bates b Tomlinson ..... 0  
 TR Ambrose c McKenzie b Tomlinson ..... 0  
 R Clarke c Wood b Ervine ..... 21  
 CR Woakes not out ..... 23  
 KHD Barker c Bates b Wood ..... 6  
 CL Metters lbw b Imran Tahir ..... 12  
 WB Rankin b Imran Tahir ..... 7  
 Extras (4 b, 1 lb, 2 nb) ..... 7  
**Total (all out, 39.2 overs) ..... 98**

**Fall:** 1-8 (Westwood, 1.4 ov), 2-8 (Porterfield, 1.5 ov), 3-19 (Chanderpaul, 4.5 ov), 4-19 (Troughton, 6.5 ov), 5-19 (Ambrose, 7 ov), 6-30 (Chopra, 12.1 ov), 7-45 (Clarke, 18.3 ov), 8-71 (Barker, 30.1 ov), 9-84 (Metters, 35.4 ov), 10-98 (Rankin, 39.2 ov)  
**Bowling:** Tomlinson 9 4 13 4; Wood 10 2 36 3; Mascarenhas 7 2 21 0; Ervine 6 0 12 1; Imran Tahir 7 2 3 12  
**Hampshire won by 209 runs**



**MAGIC MOMENT:** James Anderson celebrates taking the wicket of West Indies' Denesh Ramdin to become England's leading Test wicket-taker.

## COOK DOWNBEAT AS ENGLAND ARE HELD

CAPTAIN Alastair Cook says England will leave Antigua with "a bit of a downer on" after failing to force victory in the first Test against the West Indies.

The tourists, chasing a first away win since beating India in December 2012, were halted by a stubbornly unresponsive pitch at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, as well as a name-making century from all-rounder Jason Holder.

In the end they could only muster five of the eight wickets they needed on day five as Holder's unbeaten 103 steered the hosts to 350 for seven.

Cook did everything in his power to force the issue, rotating his bowlers, tinkering with fields and leaving close catchers in place from first ball to last.

But in the end he was deflated, with just three days before the second Test in Grenada.

"I think the whole dressing room has a bit of a downer on because we left everything on the pitch, as we had to do," he said.

"I wouldn't swap much of what we did on a pretty docile wicket, but credit to Holder because he soaked up a bit of pressure.

"I think you could start another Test match again on that wicket and it would last another five days. It didn't deteriorate at all but we came close to winning a Test



**ALASTAIR COOK**

match on it.

"We threw everything at the West Indies, we played a pretty good Test match and came up just a little short.

"It was probably a points victory but we go to Grenada now."

England are unlikely to get much more assistance from the deck in St George's, though it could be more receptive to turn.

That brings Moeen Ali into the equation, with the off-spinning all-rounder passed fit after an abdominal injury and linking up with the squad in Grenada.

England will also be wary about over-burdening their seam

bowlers in back to back Tests, but Cook was not ready to speculate on possible personnel changes.

"It's very tough to say without seeing Grenada and the wicket, but Mo is flying out and we'll see how he is," said Cook.

"Obviously when you do 130 overs in the dirt you need to see how the guys pull up."

England's task now is find a way to bowl their opponents out twice on flat Caribbean surfaces, a question that was already occupying James Anderson on the day he became the country's leading Test wicket-taker.

"For a fifth day pitch I've not seen many flatter. You expect a bit of deterioration but there was nothing," said the seamer.

"I imagine that's what we'll get for the next two games too so we have to go away and think about ways to get 20 wickets in the next two games."

For all England's frustration, the West Indies will view the result as a morale boost.

Captain Denesh Ramdin added: "We haven't lost to England in Antigua before so it was nice to keep up that tradition.

"The draw will feel good, confidence is up and some of our batters have got good starts.

"So we regroup, come again and take it all to the next game."

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Reading ..... L Arsenal ..... L  
HT L-L

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Chelsea ..... L Man Utd ..... L  
HT L-LCrystal P ..... 0 W.B.A. .... 2  
Morrison 2  
Gardner 53  
Att 24,765HT 0-1  
Everton ..... 1 Burnley ..... 0  
Mirallas 29  
HT 1-0Leicester ..... 2 Swansea ..... 0  
Ulloa 15  
King 89  
HT 1-0Stoke ..... 2 SAINTS ..... 1  
Diouf 47  
Adam 84  
HT 0-1

Att 26,467

Schneiderlin 22

Att 26,467

HOME AWAY

P W D L F A W D L F A P t

Chelsea 31 12 3 0 30 7 10 4 2 34 19 73

Arsenal 32 11 3 1 37 12 9 3 5 26 20 66

Man Utd 32 14 1 2 40 13 5 7 3 19 17 65

Man City 32 10 3 2 31 12 8 4 5 34 22 61

Liverpool 32 9 5 3 27 16 8 1 6 20 20 57

SAINTS 33 10 3 4 29 10 7 2 7 16 14 56

Tottenham 32 9 3 5 29 23 7 3 5 21 23 54

Swansea 33 8 5 4 23 18 5 3 8 15 24 47

Stoke 33 8 2 6 22 20 5 5 7 16 21 46

West Ham 32 8 4 5 23 16 3 6 6 19 24 43

Crystal P 33 5 3 8 19 23 6 6 5 23 22 42

Everton 33 6 7 3 24 18 4 4 9 17 25 41

W.B.A. 33 6 3 8 21 26 3 6 7 11 20 36

Newcastle 32 6 4 5 20 20 2 4 10 13 31 35

A. Villa 33 3 6 7 14 22 5 2 10 10 23 32

Sunderland 32 3 7 7 14 26 2 7 6 11 22 29

Hull 32 4 4 7 17 20 2 6 9 12 25 28

Leicester 32 4 5 6 17 18 3 2 12 17 33 28

Q.P.R. 33 5 4 8 21 23 2 1 13 17 36 26

Burnley 33 4 6 7 14 20 1 5 10 12 31 26

## SkyBet Championship

Blackburn ..... 3 Nottm For ..... 3  
Gestide 3,35,82

HT 2-2

Blackpool ..... 0 Fulham ..... 1  
Antonio 7,88  
Lansbury 45  
Att 13,876

HT 0-1

CHERRIES ..... 2 Sheff Wed ..... 2  
Kermorgant 69

HT 0-1

Brentford ..... 2 Bolton ..... 2  
Ritchie 84

HT 0-1

Pritchard 35

Douglas 42

HT 2-1

Cardiff ..... 0 Millwall ..... 0  
Davies 11

HT 0-0

Charlton ..... 2 Leeds Utd ..... 1  
Att 19,639

Watt 75

Buysens 80 pen

HT 0-1

Huddersfield ..... 4 Derby City ..... 1  
Gobern 38

HT 0-0

Wigan ..... 2 Brighton ..... 1  
Hudson 41

HT 0-0

Wolves ..... 1 Ipswich ..... 1  
James 45

HT 3-1

Watford ..... 1 Birmingham ..... 0  
Wells 72

HT 0-0

Cathcart 56

HT 0-0

Wigan ..... 2 Brighton ..... 1  
Chow 26

HT 1-0

Wolves ..... 1 Ipswich ..... 1  
Perah 81

HT 0-1

Atohe 50

HT 0-1

Att 23,409

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P W D L F A W D L F A P t

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CHERRIES 44 12 7 3 45 25 12 5 5 47 20 84

Middlesbrough 44 15 4 3 42 12 10 5 7 23 21 84

Norwich 44 11 6 5 46 22 13 4 5 37 23 82

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Blackburn 43 9 6 6 32 26 6 9 7 27 29 60

Charlton 44 9 9 4 32 24 5 9 8 22 32 60

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Cardiff 44 9 5 8 28 28 5 9 8 24 30 56

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Huddersfield 44 8 7 3 32 22 4 6 11 20 42 47

Leeds Utd 44 8 5 9 22 34 6 5 11 26 36 53

Bolton 44 9 8 5 35 26 4 4 14 19 37 51

Fulham 44 8 5 9 32 35 5 5 12 24 41 49

Reading 42 8 5 8 24 22 4 6 11 20 42 47

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Millwall 43 5 6 11 22 37 4 7 10 15 30 40

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Blackpool 44 4 6 12 18 35 0 7 15 16 53 25

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Barnsley ..... 1 Peterboro ..... 1  
Berry 90

HT 0-1

Bristol C ..... 0 Coventry ..... 0  
Washington 16

HT 0-0

Colchester ..... 2 Scunthorpe ..... 2  
Eastman 81

HT 0-1

Crawley ..... 2 Notts Cnty ..... 0  
Porter 85

HT 0-1

Crewe ..... 1 Walsall ..... 1  
Youga 14

HT 1-0

Doncaster ..... 0 Fleetwood Town ..... 0  
Haber 13

HT 0-0

Gillingham ..... 1 Rochdale ..... 0  
HT 1-0M K Dons ..... 6 Leyton O ..... 1  
Dack 14

HT 1-0

Bristol C ..... 1 Preston ..... 1  
Bowditch 22

HT 0-0

Oldham ..... 0 Chesterfield ..... 0  
Grigg 29 pen

HT 0-0

Sheff Utd ..... 1 Bradford ..... 1  
Hall 37,59

HT 0-0

Swindon ..... 0 Yeovil ..... 1  
Alli 81

HT 0-0

Hull ..... 1  
HT 4-0

Att 10,137

HOME AWAY

P W D L F A W D L F A P t

Bristol C 44 15 5 2 40 15 12 7 3 46 21 93

Preston 43 12 9 1 40 21 11 5 5 33 17 83

M K Dons 43 14 3 4 52 18 10 7 5 38 23 82

Swindon 42 12 3 6 33 23 11 4 6 37 25 76

Sheff Utd 44 10 6 6 34 23 9 6 7 30 28 69

Chesterfield 44 12 4 6 42 24 7 8 25 28 68

Rochdale 43 10 3 8 33 26 8 3 11 36 32 60

Fleetwood T 44 8 9 5 26 24 8 3 11 19 24 60

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HT 0-0Acc Stanley ..... 2 Stevenage ..... 2  
Att 4,535

Maguire 15,40

HT 2-1

Cambridge ..... 3 Mansfield ..... 1  
KaiKai 3,43

HT 2-0

Carlisle ..... 2 Plymouth ..... 0  
Elliott 88

HT 2-0

Dicker 29

Paynter 50

HT 1-0

Exeter ..... 0 Southend ..... 1  
Att 4,651

HT 0-0

Luton ..... 3 Hartlepool ..... 0  
Timlin 90

HT 0-0

Luton ..... 3 Hartlepool ..... 0  
McGeehan 5

HT 0-0

Morecambe ..... 1 Burton Albion ..... 2  
Howells 15 pen

HT 2-0

Morecambe ..... 1 Burton Albion ..... 2  
Griffiths 71

HT 0-1

Newport County 2 Dagenham ..... 3  
Hughes 90

HT 0-0

Tutonda 90

O'Connor 90

HT 0-0

Northampton ..... 2 Cheltenham ..... 0  
Hemmings 78

HT 0-0

POMPEY ..... 0 Bury ..... 1  
Doidge 81

HT 0-0

Roose 51,68

Rose 52



**VITAL GOAL:** Eastleigh's Craig McAllister, second right, celebrates with his teammates after netting the winner away to Lincoln City.

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Shrewsbry	44	17	4	1	43	9	9	4	9	23	20	86		
Wycombe	44	10	7	5	30	24	12	8	2	34	18	81		
Bury	43	13	8	5	31	19	11	4	7	26	20	79		
Southend	43	11	8	3	24	9	11	4	6	27	26	78		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	t
Bury	43	13	3	5	31	19	11	4	7	26	20	79		
Southend	43	11	8	3	24	9	11	4	6	27	26	78		
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Plymouth	44	12	6	4	31	12	6	5	11	19	23	65		

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Northampton	44	13	2	7	37	24	5	5	12	27	32	61		
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Morecambe	44	10	7	6	33	27	8	6	8	26	24	57		
Wimbledon	44	10	7	5	33	24	4	8	10	20	33	57		
Dagenham	44	8	3	11	26	26	8	5	9	27	31	56		
Oxford Utd	44	6	9	7	25	24	7	7	8	22	25	55		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	t
POMPEY	44	11	5	6	33	22	2	9	11	16	30	53		
Acc Stanley	44	9	6	7	31	31	5	5	12	25	41	53		
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Carlisle	44	9	4	9	32	34	5	3	14	21	36	49		
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Hartlepool	44	7	5	10	20	29	4	3	15	14	37	41		
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